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Application Review Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2024
Held via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Caterino at 7:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL - Ms. Fowkes

Members Present

Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP
Melissa Flint, Psy.D.

A quorum of the Committee was confirmed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 2, 2024 Regular Session Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Flint moved to approve the draft minutes. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

A. Requesting Approval to Sit for the EPPP (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

- 1) Anna Gutierrez, Psy.D.

Dr. Gutierrez was present at the meeting. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP

- 2) Brandon Scott, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the applications of Drs. Anna Gutierrez and Brandon Scott to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Flint seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

B. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

1) Shaina Townsend, Ph.D.

Dr. Townsend was present at the meeting. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

2) John Vanuk, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

3) Veronica High, Ph.D. (REAPP)

Dr. High was present at the meeting. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. The Committee also noted that Dr. High may be using a title in her email signature that does not meet requirements per A.R.S. § 32-2084. The Committee directed staff to bring this to Dr. High's attention. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the reapplication to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

4) Levi Cragun, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

5) Michael O'Connor, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

6) Katlyn Hanson, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

7) Nohemi Vasquez, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Vasquez's internship took place at Proactive Behavioral Health/Crisis Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. On the verification form for this supervised experience, her primary supervisor, Ryan J. Hubert, Ph.D. answered "no" to question no. 13, "Did the psychology training program have at least two psychologists on staff as supervisors?"

The Committee noted this answer was supported by the Internship Learning Agreement, in which Kim Dopson was listed as the secondary supervisor. A check of the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses online information search indicates that she is licensed as a clinical professional counselor and is not licensed as a psychologist. The Committee noted that these concerns indicate that this internship does not meet requirements under A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(2). It was the consensus of the Committee to issue a Formal Additional Information Request for verification of additional or separate internship supervised experience that took place as an integral part of the doctoral program and met all of Arizona's statutory and rule requirements.

8) Clint Perkins, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted the following concerns:

1. The verification received for the pre-doctoral internship at Paulding County School District in Dallas, Georgia indicated that Dr. Perkins' supervisor was Dr. January Few, who also completed the verification. Dr. Few's answers on several of the questions in Section B were inconsistent with her statement in Section C that her profession was that of a Licensed Professional Counselor and not a licensed psychologist. The Committee was concerned that the internship did not have two licensed psychologists on staff as supervisors which does not meet the requirements in A.R.S. § 32-2071(F).
2. One of the references, Dr. January Few, is not a licensed psychologist. Per A.A.C. R4-26-203(B)(6)(a), references must be "psychologists licensed or certified to practice psychology in a United States or Canadian regulatory jurisdiction...."
3. The postdoctoral supervised experience (postdoc) verification indicated that Dr. Perkins completed 1,800 hours of supervised experience. However, in the October 11, 2023 letter Dr. Perkins submitted, he stated, "I worked under the supervision of Dr. Barrow for forty (40) hours a week accumulating 1,500 hours of postdoctoral experience...."

It was the consensus of the Committee to issue a Formal Additional Information Request for documentation regarding the above concerns and discrepancies, as well as the name and email address of a licensed psychologist to serve as a reference.

9) Emily Marhan, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

10) Heather Koutsogiannis, Psy.D.

Dr. Caterino recused from reviewing the application. Due to lack of a quorum, the application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the applications of Drs. Shaina Townsend, John Vanuk, Veronica High, Levi Cragun, Michael O'Connor, Katlyn Hanson, and Emily Marhan to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score. Dr. Flint seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to issue Formal Additional Information Requests for Dr. Nohemi Vasquez and Dr. Clint Perkins as noted above. Dr. Flint seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

C. Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

1) Alyssa Mattes, Ph.D. (FAIR)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. Upon review, the Committee noted that the letter received from your supervisor, Danielle Shapiro, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, does not meet requirements for the Postdoc written training plan required under A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(7). The Committee was concerned that the letter appeared to be a “stock” document, and did not contain the individualized goals and objectives specifically for Dr. Allyssa Mattes, trainee. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue a second FAIR for a copy of the written training plan that includes all of the elements required by statutes and rules. In the absence of a written training plan, a post-experience training plan or attestation by the organization may be submitted.

2) Boikanyo Tlhong, Psy.D.

Dr. Caterino recused from reviewing the application. Due to lack of a quorum, the application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

3) Krystal Akbar, Ph.D.

Upon review, the Committee noted that the CHLA Psychology Postdoctoral Training Program Supervision Agreement (“Agreement”) received with the postdoctoral professional supervised experience (“postdoc”) verification from Dr. Akbar’s supervisor, Sara Sherer, Ph.D., does not contain the elements of a postdoc written training plan required under A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(7). The Committee was concerned that the Agreement was not individualized with the goals and objectives specifically for Dr. Krystal Akbar, trainee. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue a FAIR for a copy of the written training plan that includes all of the elements required by statutes and rules. In the absence of a written training plan, a post-experience training plan or attestation by the organization may be submitted.

4) Destiny Hoffman, Psy.D. (FAIR)

Upon review, the Committee noted that the documentation provided for the first FAIR response did not satisfy the Committee’s concerns that supervision during Dr. Hoffman’s postdoctoral supervised professional experience (“postdoc”) was conducted by a psychologist who has been licensed for two years prior to the start of the postdoc. It was noted that the supervision log provided indicated that Dr. Laura Adams, who has been licensed in Pennsylvania since 11/04/2019, provided 60 hours of supervision from 7/17/2022 to 05/01/2023. It was also noted that on the postdoc verification submitted by Dr. Harple, she indicated that she provided six (6) hours of supervision. However, the supervision log the applicant submitted indicates nine (9) hours of supervision. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue a second FAIR letter for documentation verifying the number of total overall hours worked under the supervision of Dr. Laura Adams, a PDF copy of any and all training records signed by Dr. Adams, along with a written explanation of the discrepancy between the supervision log and the supervision hours verified by Dr. Harple.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to issue Formal Additional Information Requests for Dr. Mattes, Dr. Akbar and Dr. Hoffman as noted above. Dr. Flint seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

D. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (ABPP, CPQ or NRHSP - A.R.S. § 32-2071.01)

1) Tracy Mallett, Psy.D., NRHSP

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for licensure.

2) John Clifton, Ph.D. NRHSP

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for licensure.

3) Cynthia Anderson-Keene, Ph.D., CPQ

Dr. Anderson-Keene was present at the meeting. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the applications of Drs. Tracy Mallett, John Clifton and Cynthia Anderson-Keene to the Board for approval for licensure by credential. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

E. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (A.R.S. § 32-4302)

1) Lauren Perez, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the application of Dr. Perez to the Board for approval for licensure by universal recognition. Dr. Flint seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

F. Requesting Approval for Telehealth Registry (A.R.S. § 36-3606)

1) Susan B. Palmer-Ansorg, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for telehealth registration.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the application of Dr. Palmer-Ansorg to the Board for approval for telehealth registration. Dr. Flint seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Flint requested that the Committee review and consider possible changes to the preinternship verification form at a future meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flint motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Caterino seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.