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Application Review Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2024
Held via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Caterino at 7:33 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL - Ms. Fowkes

Members Present

Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP
Larry, Sideman, Ph.D., ABPP

A quorum of the Committee was confirmed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was forwarded to the next Application Review Committee meeting.

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) Madison Day-Robinson, 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.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the application of Dr. Madison Day-Robinson to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Sideman seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Fen Salix, Ph.D. (REAPP)

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 reapplication to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

2) Stevie Douglas, Psy.D.

Dr. Douglas was present at the meeting. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Douglas had a Yes answer on a declaration question. Dr. Douglas answered the Committee's questions.

Dr. Sideman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential records with Dr. Douglas and for legal advice. Dr. Caterino seconded. The Committee went into Executive Session at 7:46 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:54 a.m.

The Committee determined 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) Yonnas Reggiani, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and request for testing accommodations. 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.

4) Melissa Rodriguez Estrada, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and request for testing accommodations. 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 with requested testing accommodations and licensure upon a passing score.

5) Rene Rivera, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Dr. Sideman recused from reviewing this application due to a conflict of interest. He worked closely with Dr. Rivera while at Argosy University. Therefore, the application was forwarded to the July 8, 2024 Board meeting for substantive review.

6) Diana Galloway, Psy.D.

Dr. Galloway was present at the meeting. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and request for testing accommodations.

Dr. Caterino moved to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential health records with Dr. Galloway and for legal advice. Dr. Sideman seconded. The Committee entered Executive Session at 8:03 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:17 a.m.

Dr. Galloway answered the Committee's questions. 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) Mohammed Sarifuddin Alrai, D.Ed.Ch.Psy.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Alrai completed his education and training in the United Kingdom, which differs in a number of ways from a psychologist's U.S. education. The Committee stated several concerns.

- The Committee questioned if the courses included on the Core Program Requirements form met the criteria for the core area. The Committee requested copies of the syllabi for the courses.
- The doctoral transcript indicated that didactic courses were completed in 2015. The internship verification indicated start and end dates from 2013-2015, which does not meet the requirements under A.R.S. § 32-2071(C), which states, "*The applicant shall complete relevant didactic courses of the program required under subsection A, paragraph 4 of this section before starting the supervised professional experiences as described pursuant to subsection F of this section.*" The Committee noted that in the U.S., these hours would be considered a practicum, not an internship.
- Dr. Alrai was licensed independently on 09/21/2015 in the U.K. According to the Postdoctoral Verification, the postdoc supervised professional experience took place from 09/01/2015 – 08/31/2016. The verifier, Dr. Christopher Norton, indicated that he did not take clinical responsibility for Dr. Alrai's cases, which does not meet requirements under A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(2), which states, "*The supervisor takes full legal responsibility for the welfare of the client or patient as well as the diagnosis, intervention and outcome of the intervention and takes reasonable steps to ensure that clients or patients are informed of the supervisee's training and status and that clients or patients may meet with the supervisor at the client's or patient's request.*" The Committee noted that in the U.S., the relationship between Dr. Alrai and Dr. Norton would be that of a mentor rather than a supervisor.
- One of Dr. Alrai's references indicated that she was unable to provide direct knowledge of Dr. Alrai's practice in the field of psychology. The Committee requested that Dr. Alrai provide the name of a licensed or certified psychologist who can attest to his practice in the field of psychology from first-hand knowledge.

Dr. Alrai answered the Board's questions. It was the consensus of the Committee to make a formal additional information request (FAIR) as noted above.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the applications of Drs. Fen Salix, Stevie Douglas, Yonnas Reggiani, Melissa Rodriguez Estrada, and Diana Galloway to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score. Dr. Sideman seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to make a formal additional information request (FAIR) for the application of Dr. Mohammed Sarifudden Alrai as noted above. Dr. Sideman seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Cesar Gonzalez, Ph.D., ABPP

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) Adam Barkey, Psy.D., CPQ

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. Cesar Gonzalez and Adam Barkey to the Board for approval for licensure by credential. Dr. Sideman seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Nadejda Alexandrova, 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 for licensure by universal recognition.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the application of Dr. Nadejda Alexandrova to the Board for approval for licensure by universal recognition. Dr. Sideman seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No new items were requested.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Caterino motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Sideman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.