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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING
July 7, 2014
7:00 a.m.**

1400 West Washington
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Chairman Wechsler at 7:00 a.m. on July 7, 2014. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Chair
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Cindy Olvey – Executive Director
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 3, 2014, Regular Session Minutes

Dr. Brundage made motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve the June 3, 2014, Regular Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried 2-0.

4. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS**

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) Only

Jamie Bustamante, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bustamante’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Bustamante’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the application of Jamie Bustamante, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

Aida Fernandez, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Fernandez’s application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Southwest Human Development, her Director of Training, Douglas Albrecht, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Fernandez worked 40 hours a week for 136 weeks and indicated that Dr. Fernandez is using 1,500 of those hours toward licensure. The Committee noted that if she worked 40 hours a week for 136 weeks she would have obtained 5,440 hours of postdoctoral experience. Dr. Albrecht’s subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Fernandez received 108 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision and obtained 628 hours of direct client contact. At this time, the Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Fernandez obtained 108 hours of individual face-to-face supervision for the 136 weeks she worked or if this calculation was based on the 1,500 hours of postdoctoral experience she is using toward licensure. Additionally, the Committee is requesting clarification as to the number of hours she worked per week as well as the number of weeks she worked for the 1,500 postdoctoral hours she is claiming.

Andrea Montoya, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Montoya’s application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Carol Ballou, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Montoya worked 40-45 hours per week for 48 weeks and that Dr. Montoya is applying 1,500 postdoctoral hours toward licensure. The Committee noted that if Dr. Montoya worked 40-45 hours per week for 48 weeks she would have obtained 1,920 – 2,160 hours of postdoctoral experience. Dr. Ballou’s subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Montoya obtained 76 hours of individual face-to-face supervision and obtained 850 hours of direct client contact which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time, the Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Montoya obtained 76 hours of individual face-to-face supervision for the 48 weeks she worked or if this calculation was based on the 1,500 hours of postdoctoral experience she is applying toward licensure. Additionally, the Committee is requesting clarification as to the number of hours she worked per week and the number of weeks she worked for the 1,500 postdoctoral hours she is claiming. Additionally, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(H) the Committee can only accept 40 hours of work per week.

Anna Dakessian-Torrey, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Dakessian - Torrey’s reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Dakessian - Torrey’s reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Bouchra Koussih, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Koussih’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Koussih’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Brandy Gardner, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gardner’s reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Gardner’s reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Darnell Durrah, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Durrah’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Durrah’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dawn Byrd, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Byrd’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Byrd’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dina Shacknai, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Shacknai’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification forms from the Melmed Center and her subsequent submission, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Janet Chao, Ed.D., submitted a postdoctoral verification form that was received by the Board office on October 10, 2010, in which Dr. Chao indicates that Dr. Shacknai’s postdoctoral experience began in February 2006 through May 2010. Dr. Chao provided an explanation stating that Dr. Shacknai’s postdoctoral supervision was not completed over 36 consecutive months. The Committee noted that Dr. Shacknai subsequently responded to a request for additional information regarding her postdoctoral experience on May 27, 2011, and stated that her postdoctoral experience was completed within 36 consecutive months beginning in August 2006 through August 2009. Because of the discrepancies in these two documents, the Committee is requesting clarification and confirmation from Dr. Shacknai and Dr. Chao that Dr. Shacknai completed 1,500 hours of postdoctoral supervision within 36 consecutive months along with the appropriate individual face-to-face supervision and direct client contact. Additionally, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Chao submit a corrected form along with documentation of Dr. Shacknai’s supervision as proof of the hours she obtained.

Erika Driver, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Driver’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Driver’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Farshid Moshrefi, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Moshrefi’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of his application, the Committee noted that on page 5, question #10 of the application he indicated that he sat for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) in California and that his score

meets Arizona requirement. Upon review of his EPPP scores the Board received from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), the Committee noted that his EPPP score does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2072(A)(2). At this time, the Committee is requesting an explanation regarding the discrepancy in what Dr. Moshrefi and ASPPB reported to the Board.

Holly Cunningham, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cunningham’s application. Upon review of her application, the Committee noted that on page 9, question #35 C. & D., she indicated that she received supervision as follows, “1 hour weekly individual; 2 hours weekly group; as needed”. The Committee is requesting an explanation from Dr. Cunningham as to the supervision she received that was “as needed”. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience form from September 2008 – August 2009, her supervisor, Dr. Sandra Todd, indicated that Dr. Cunningham worked 18 hours per week for 44 weeks for a total of 784 internship hours. Dr. Todd’s subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Cunningham received 38 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of §A.R.S. 32-2071(F)(6). At this time, Dr. Cunningham is 1.6 hours deficient in individual face-to-face supervision. The Committee is requesting additional information that she received one hour of face-to-face (0.9 hours of supervision at 18 hours per week), individual supervision for each twenty hours of experience during her internship. The Committee is requesting that she submit documentation of her supervision (supervision logs) as proof of the hours she obtained. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Todd answered “no” to question #13 on the Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(2). At this time, the Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Cunningham’s internship provided at least two psychologists on staff. Furthermore, the Committee noted that the name of the training program in Section A of the Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form was not completed. The Committee is requesting that Section A of the form be completed. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Consulting Services - CPES, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Serena Gorgueiro, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Cunningham worked 40 hours a week for 41 weeks and completed a total of 1,640 postdoctoral experience hours. Upon reviewing Dr. Gorgueiro’s subsequent calculations, it was noted that Dr. Cunningham accumulated a total of 40 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision. At this time, Dr. Cunningham is 42 hours deficient in the total number of individual, face-to-face hours for her postdoctoral professional psychology experience which does not meet the statutory requirement of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(5). The Committee is requesting clarification regarding the number of hours of individual face-to-face supervision Dr. Cunningham received. The Committee is requesting that she submit documentation of her supervision as proof of the hours she obtained. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from CPES, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Marion Baker, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Cunningham worked 40 hours a week for 23 weeks and completed a total of 843 postdoctoral experience hours. Upon reviewing Dr. Baker’s subsequent calculations, it was noted that Dr. Cunningham accumulated a total of 35 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision and 85 hours of direct client contact. At this time, Dr. Cunningham is 11 hours deficient in the total number of individual, face-to-face hours and 252.2 hours deficient in direct client contact for her postdoctoral professional psychology experience which does not meet the statutory requirement of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(5). The Committee is requesting clarification regarding the number of hours of individual face-to-face supervision Dr. Cunningham received and the number of direct client contact hours she obtained. The Committee is requesting that she submit documentation of her supervision as proof of the hours she obtained.

Jamie Kobsar, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kobsar’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of his application, the Committee noted that

he attended Walden University's Doctor of Psychology program which, the Committee noted, is an on-line program and may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(K)(1)(2)(3). At this time, the Committee is requesting clarification as to how his program met the residency requirement. Upon review of his subsequent submission, and a letter from his supervisor, David Young, Ed.D., pertaining to his preinternship individual face-to-face supervision, the Committee noted that Dr. Young attested to being Dr. Kobsar's primary supervisor. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Young attested to providing supervision to Dr. Kobsar on an alternating schedule with Dr. Kobsar's other supervisors, Audrey Kanwischer, D.O. and Ms. Pamela Crookston, which may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(d). Additionally, upon review of Dr. Kobsar's supervision documentation, the Committee noted the following supervision:

- May 16, 2011 – May 20, 2011, Dr. Young provided one hour of supervision
- May 23, 2011- May 27, 2011, Dr. Kobsar did not receive supervision
- May 30, 2011 – June 3, 2011, Dr. Young provided one hour of supervision

The Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Young provided 75% of Dr. Kobsar's individual face-to-face supervision each week that he worked as well as clarification as to the deficiency in individual face-to-face supervision he received some weeks. Additionally, it was the consensus of the Committee to forward Dr. Kobsar's application to the full Board for further review.

Michele Ishikawa, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ishikawa's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Ishikawa's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Nnamdi Ohaeri, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ohaeri's reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Ohaeri's reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Sarah Oporoku, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Oporoku's reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Oporoku's reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Steven Caruso, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Caruso's reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Caruso's reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the applications of Anna Dakessian - Torrey, Ph.D., Bouchra Koussih, Ph.D., Brandy Gardner, Psy.D., Darnell Durrah, Ph.D., Dawn Byrd, Psy.D., Erika Driver, Psy.D., Michele Ishikawa, Ph.D., Nnamdi Ohaeri, Psy.D., Sarah Oporoku, Psy.D., Steven Caruso, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, to issue RAID letters to Aida Fernandez, Ph.D., Andrea Montoya, Ph.D., and Holly Cunningham, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies noted in their

applications, to issue SRAID letters to Dina Shacknai, Psy.D., Farshid Moshrefi, Ph.D. and Jamie Kobsar, Ph.D., regarding the deficiencies noted in their applications and to the move the application of Jamie Kobsar, Ph.D., to the full Board for further review. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

Adam Sumner, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Sumner’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Sumner’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Amy Phenix, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Phenix’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Phenix’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Ashley Kirby-Ward, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kirby-Ward’s application. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the Colorado Department of Corrections, the Committee noted that the Acting Director of Clinical Training, Lissa H. Parker, signed the verification form and that Ms. Parker is not a licensed psychologist which does not meet the requirement of Arizona Administrative Code R4-26-203(B)(3). The Committee is requesting that Dr. Kirby-Ward’s supervisor or a licensed psychologist knowledgeable of her internship training program submit a new Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form.

Cary Jordan, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Jordan’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Jordan’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Diane LeMont, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. LeMont’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from Turning Point Crisis Center, the Committee expressed concern that there were not two psychologists on staff. Additionally, the Committee expressed concern that Dr. LeMont did not complete a 1,500 hour internship within 24 consecutive months. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. LeMont’s application to the full Board for possible denial.

Lauren Canniff, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Canniff’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology “Supervisee Monthly Log”, the Committee noted that there are weeks in which she only received one hour of individual face-to-face supervision. Specifically the Committee noted the weeks of:

- 9/3 – 9/7
- 12/24 – 12/28
- 1/1 – 1/4
- 2/18 – 2/22

Additionally, the Committee reviewed the letter submitted by her supervisor, Laura Lyn, Ph.D. The Committee noted that Dr. Lyn indicated that Dr. Canniff worked 25 hours in one week in December 2012, and received only one hour of supervision, and that Dr. Canniff worked 40.5 hours in one week in February 2013, and received only one hour of supervision which does not meet the statutory requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time the Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Canniff received one hour of individual face-to-face supervision for each twenty hours of supervised professional experience.

Lynn Jonen, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Jonen’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Jonen’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the applications of Adam Sumner, Ph.D., Amy Phenix, Ph.D., Cary Jordan, Ph.D., and Lynn Jonen, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, to issue a RAID letter to Ashely Kirby-Ward, Ph.D., regarding the deficiency noted in her application, to issue a SRAID letter to Lauren Canniff, Psy.D., regarding the deficiency noted in her application and to move the application of Diane LeMont, Ph.D., to the full Board for further review and possible denial. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential

Lynn Calcote, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Calcote’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Calcote’s application to the full Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Ronald Williams, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Williams’ application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Williams’ application to the full Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the applications of Lynn Calcote, Ph.D., and Ronald Williams, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience

Birgit Lurie, MS.Ed. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Lurie’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Lurie’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Elizabeth Meshes, MA - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Meshes' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Meshes' application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Jeffrey Siegel, MA - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Mr. Siegel's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Mr. Siegel's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Natalie Chase, MA - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Chase's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Chase's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Tara Kiener, MA - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Kiener's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Kiener's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the applications of Birgit Lurie, MS.Ed., Elizabeth Meshes, MA, Jeffrey Siegel, MA, Natalie Chase, MA, and Tara Kiener, MA, to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items for future meetings.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP
Application Review Committee Chair