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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**September 29, 2015**

**7:30 a.m.**

1400 West Washington  
Suite #240  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**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 7:32 a.m. on September 29, 2015. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP (CI) – Chair  
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.

**Staff Present**

Cindy Olvey, Psy.D. – Executive Director  
Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- September 8, 2015, Regular Session Minutes

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to approve the September 8, 2015, 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) & Licensure**

Arti Sarma, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Sarma's application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification

form from Arizona State University Counseling Services, the Committee noted that her Training Director, Bong Joo Hwang, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Sarma worked 40 hours per week for 52 weeks. The Committee noted that if Dr. Sarma worked 40 hours per week for 50 weeks she would have obtained 2,080 hours. Additionally, Dr. Hwang's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Sarma obtained 52 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time the Committee is requesting clarification as to the number of individual face-to-face supervision Dr. Sarma received. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Clinical Competency, Outreach & Program Consultation/Evaluation Competency, Supervision Competency, Multicultural Competency and Professional Development sections of Dr. Sarma's postdoctoral written training plan were not completed. The Committee is requesting that the sections be completed.

Gary Tenney, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Tenney's application. Upon review of his Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Southwest Behavioral Health, the Committee noted that his Director of Clinical Services, Robert Bohanske, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Tenney worked 40 hours per week for 50 weeks. The Committee noted that if Dr. Tenney worked 40 hours per week for 50 weeks he would have obtained 2,000 hours. Additionally, Dr. Bohanske's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Tenney obtained 82 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time the Committee is requesting clarification as to the number of individual face-to-face supervision Dr. Tenney received. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Tenney obtained 1,376 hours of direct client contact. The Committee noted that with his 82 hours of individual face-to-face supervision and 1,376 hours of direct client contact he would only have had 42 hours remaining for other activities. The Committee is requesting clarification as to how Dr. Tenney was able to complete other activities (e.g. report writing) with only 42 hours remaining out of the 1,500 hours.

Heather Koutsogiannis, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Koutsogiannis's reapplication. Upon review of her application, the Committee noted that Dr. Koutsogiannis did not list the professional associations that she is a member of otherwise the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to direct Board staff to contact Dr. Koutsogiannis and request that she list the professional associations that she is a member of on the application and to move her 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.

Jeffrey Wieneke, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Wieneke'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. Wieneke'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.

Jordana Katz, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Katz's reapplication. Upon review of her application, the Committee noted that Dr. Katz did not list the professional associations that she is a member of otherwise the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to direct Board staff to contact Dr. Katz and request that she list the professional associations that she is a member of on the application and to move her 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.

Miguel Iracheta, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Iracheta’s application. Upon review of his application, the Committee noted that he answered question #29 b., on page 7 of the application incorrectly. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Iracheta list the hours he intends to use toward licensure on question #29 b. Upon review of his Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form, the Committee noted that his Director of Clinical Training, Dr. Sherry Molock, Ph.D., answered “no” to question #1 which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(6). Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Molock answered “no”: to question #3 a. which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(1). At this time the Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Iracheta’s preinternship experience was completed within 72 months and whether it was a faculty-directed organized sequential series of supervised experiences.

Nisha Todi, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Todi’s application. Upon review of her application the Committee noted that on page 6, question #25, she did not list her degree or date for Chestnut Hill College. The Committee is requesting that she list her degree and date for Chestnut Hill College. Additionally, the Committee noted that on page 8, question #35 (a) of the application, she listed that she is a “(Licensed Eligible Psychologist)”. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Todi refrain from using “(Licensed Eligible Psychologist)” pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(C)(1) as she has not been approved for licensure as a psychologist in Arizona. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Arizona State University Counseling Services, the Committee noted that her Training Director, Bong Joo Hwang, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Todi worked 40 hours per week for 40 weeks. The Committee noted that if Dr. Todi worked 40 hours per week for 40 weeks she would have obtained 1,600 hours. It was noted that Dr. Todi is applying 1,000 of her postdoctoral hours toward licensure. Dr. Hwang’s subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Todi received 86 hours of individual face-to-face supervision and 503.5 hours of direct client contact. At this time it is unclear whether Dr. Todi’s individual face-to-face supervision and direct client contact pertain to the 1,000 postdoctoral hours she is claiming or the 1,600 postdoctoral hours she completed. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Todi and Dr. Hwang provide an explanation.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to forward the applications of Heather Koutsogiannis, Psy.D., Jeffrey Weineke, Psy.D., and Jordana Katz, Psy.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 and to issue additional information and documentation request letters to Arti Sarma, Ph.D., Gary Tenney, Ph.D., Miguel Iracheta, Ph.D., and Nisha Todi, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver**

Brenda Aranda, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Aranda’s application. Upon review of her application, the Committee noted that Dr. Aranda did not complete question #29 b. correctly. The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Aranda and request that she correct question #29 b., provide an explanation to her answers on question #35 a. and b. of the application and to provide an explanation regarding how much of her postdoctoral experience was completed using confidential real-time visual telecommunication or other confidential electronic means. The Committee determined that if Dr. Aranda provides the requested information satisfactorily then her application will be forwarded to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Kristy Klein, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Klein’s application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from FMC Devens, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Dr. John Caverly, answered

“no” to question #6. At this time the Committee determined that Dr. Klein’s postdoctoral experience does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(1). The Committee noted that Dr. Klein worked more than 40 hours per week during her internship. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H), the Committee can only accept 2,080 hours of Dr. Klein’s internship. As such, Dr. Klein is 920 hours deficient in meeting the 3,000 hour supervised work experience requirement. Dr. Klein may wish to submit preinternship experience to meet the 3,000 hour supervised work experience requirement. Additionally, she has the option to complete additional postdoctoral experience that meets the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G).

Sheetal Kini, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kini’s application. Upon review of her Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form, the Committee noted that her experience at Counseling and Psychological Services was from August 2013 – May 2014. It was noted that her Associate Professor, Dr. Julia Babcock, verified that Dr. Kini worked 16 hours per week and received one hour of individual supervision per week which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(d). At this time Dr. Kini is 144 hours deficient in meeting the 3,000 hour supervised work experience requirement. Dr. Kini may wish to submit additional preinternship experience or obtain postdoctoral experience to meet the 3,000 hour supervised work experience requirement. Additionally, the Committee noted that her documentation of lawful presence will be expiring shortly. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Kini submit proof of lawful presence in the United States.

Sheri Clark, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Clark’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. Clark’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. Flowers, to forward the applications of Brenda Aranda, Ph.D., and Sheri Clark, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee and to issue additional information request letters to Kristy Klein, Ph.D., and Sheetal Kini, Ph.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential**

Don Axsom, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Axsom’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. Axsom’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. Flowers, to forward the application of Don Axsom, Psy.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**

Carlos Nuno, M.Ed. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Mr. Nuno’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. Nuno'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. Flowers, to forward the application of Carlos Nuno, M.Ed., 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**

Dr. Wechsler requested that Board staff revise question #29 of the application and the Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Verification form and to bring the revisions before the Committee for review at a future meeting..

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Wechsler made motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

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**Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP (CI)**  
**Application Review Committee Chair**