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Application Review Committee

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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING
September 30, 2014
7:30 a.m.**

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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 Madam Chair Mellott at 7:33 a.m. on September 30, 2014. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona N. Mellott – Chair
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN

Staff Present

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

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 2, 2014, Regular Session Minutes

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to approve the September 2, 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

Diana Milner, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Milner’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. Milner’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Diana Milner, 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

Adrian Fletcher, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Fletcher’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. Fletcher’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.

Carisa Authier, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Authier’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of her Core Program Requirements, the Committee noted that “Tests and Measurements” (Psy 5407), does not meet the statutory requirement (A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4)) for Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology. At this time, Dr. Authier is one Semester credit deficient in Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology. Dr. Authier has the option to complete an additional graduate level course in Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology. Additionally, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4) and Arizona Administrative Code R4-26-202(C), she has the option to provide evidence that her Comprehensive Exam included ethics to meet the statutory requirement in lieu of completing an additional graduate level course.

Jesus Lovett, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lovett’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. Lovett’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.

Karen Putnam, Ph.D. – Dr. Beljan was unable to review Dr. Putnam’s application. Due to lack of a quorum, Dr. Putnam’s application was forwarded to the full Board for review.

Michael Oien, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Oien’s application. Upon review of his Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from TAMC, his Director of Training, Jeffrey Bass, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Oien completed a total of 1,920 hours of experience from October 10, 2013, to August 15, 2014. Dr. Bass’ subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Oien worked 60 hours per week for 40 weeks and obtained 544 hours of direct client contact which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5) and A.R.S. §32-2071(H). At this time, Dr. Oien is 224 hours deficient in direct client contact hours. Additionally, the Committee can only count 40 hours of work per week.

Najah Swartz, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Swartz’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. Swartz'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.

Thomas Hallinan, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hallinan'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. Hallinan'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.

Tyler Russell, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Russell'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. Russell'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.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the applications of Adrian Fletcher, Psy.D., Jesus Lovett, Psy.D., Najah Swartz, Ph.D., Thomas Hallinan, Ph.D., and Tyler Russell, 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, to issue a RAID letter to Michael Oien, Psy.D., and a SRAID letter to Carisa Authier, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies noted in their applications and to move Karen Putnam, Ph.D., application to the full Board for review due to lack of a quorum. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

Danielle Powers, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Powers' 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. Powers' application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the application of Danielle Powers, 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.

Requesting Approval of Supervised Professional Experience Hours and Licensure

MaryAnne Belton, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Belton'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. Belton's application to the full Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Natalie Hurd, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hurd'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. Hurd's application to the full Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of MaryAnne Belton, Psy.D., and Natalie Hurd, 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

Berenice Diaz, M.Ed. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Diaz'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. Diaz's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Karalyn Semenchuk, M.Ed. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Semenchuk'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. Semenchuk's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Robert Craighead, M.Ed. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Mr. Craighead'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. Craighead's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Thomas Szabo, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Szabo's application and subsequent submission. Upon review of his application and supplemental materials, the Committee noted that W. Larry Williams attested that Dr. Szabo received ">" 1,500 hours of experience over a period of seven years. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Szabo's supervision took place in Nevada and that Nevada has been licensing behavior analysts since December 2011. At this time, the Committee cannot accept Dr. Szabo's experience that was completed after November 2011 pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2091.03(E)(F) if his supervisor was not licensed as a Behavior Analyst in the State of Nevada. Additionally, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Szabo provide documentation of his supervision (logs) as proof of the hours he obtained.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the applications of Berenice Diaz, M.Ed., Karalyn Semenchuk, M.Ed., and Robert Craighead, M.Ed., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and to issue a SRAID letter to Thomas Szabo, Ph.D., regarding the deficiencies noted in his application. The motion carried 2-0.

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Mellott requested that question #8 on the behavior analyst "Supervised Work Experience or Independent Fieldwork" verification form be revised to include a statement regarding whether the supervisor was licensed in the state that the supervision took place.

Dr. Mellott requested that an item pertaining to the 40% direct client contact requirement for postdoctoral experience be placed on a future agenda of the Board.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Application Review Committee Chair