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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**September 6, 2016**

**7:30 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 Madam Chair Mellott at 7:30 a.m. on September 6, 2016. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.

**Staff Present**

Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

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

**Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) Only**

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

Panagiotis Panagakis, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Panagakis’ 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. Panagakis’ application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

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

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the applications of Angela Barteau, Ph.D., Panagiotis Panagakis, Psy.D., and Shanna Sadeh, Ph.D., to the full Board for approval to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

### **Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure**

Amy Cole, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cole’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. Cole’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Amy Prosser, Ph.D. – Dr. Mellott recused from reviewing Dr. Prosser’s application therefore her application was moved to the full Board for substantive review due to lack of a quorum.

Audrey Sessions, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Session’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. Session’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Cody Bayles, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bayles’ 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. Bayles’ application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Delia Avelar, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Avelar’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. Avelar’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Ernesto Reza, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Reza’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. Reza’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Kelly Rodriguez, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Rodriguez’s application. Upon review of her Summary of Pre-Internship Supervised Professional Experiences the Committee noted that she listed Southwest Behavioral Health as one of her preinternship sites. The Committee noted that although the written training plan for her experience at Southwest Behavioral Health was submitted, the verification form delineating her hours for her experience at Southwest Behavioral Health was not submitted. At this time the Committee is requesting that the verification form for her preinternship experience at Southwest Behavioral Health be submitted. Upon review of her Supervised Preinternship Experience

Verification form from JR Forensic & Clinical Psychology Services, PLLC, the Committee noted that her Director of Clinical Training, Dr. Eric Johnson, indicated that Dr. Rodriguez obtained 485 total hours. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Rodriguez obtained 105.5 hours of direct patient/client contact which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(b)(c). At this time Dr. Rodriguez is 15.75 hours deficient in meeting the direct patient/client requirement. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Rodriguez was “removed from practicum with JR Forensics on 3/31/13 due to problems with the training site”. If Dr. Rodriguez wishes to include her experience hours she obtained at JR Forensics the Committee is requesting an explanation as to the “problems with the training site”.

Kristin Schwartz, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Schwartz’s application. Upon review of her Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from the Rockies Counseling Center, the Committee noted that her Director of Clinical Training, Marie Haney, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Schwartz obtained 1,750 total hours. Her subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Schwartz received 80 hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). At this time Dr. Schwartz is 95 hours deficient in meeting the individual supervision requirement. Additionally, the Committee noted that she is applying 2,006 hours of internship toward the 3,000 hour requirement therefore she only needs an additional 964 experience hours. She may wish to apply only 964 of her preinternship hours that meets the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c) instead of the entire 1,750 hours. Upon review of her Internship Verification form from Franciscan Community Counseling, Inc. the Committee noted that her supervisor, Judith Schaeffer, Ph.D., answered “no” to question #13. Dr. Schaeffer provided an explanation which stated that each site had only one full time staff psychologist. Additionally, she indicated that interns were not paid a stipend therefore the internship was a “partner agency” instead of a member of the Rocky Mountain Psychology Intern Consortium. At this time, the Committee would like an explanation from Dr. Schwartz and her supervisor as to whom Dr. Schwartz’s secondary supervisor was, how Dr. Schwartz accessed this supervisor, and how Dr. Schwartz received supervision from her secondary supervisor and the percentage of time she spent with her secondary supervisor. Additionally, the Committee is requesting that her supervisor provide and explanation clarifying the difference between a “member” and a “partner agency” within the Rocky Mountain Psychology Intern Consortium and a detailed explanation as to who was responsible for the client/patient. Furthermore, the Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Schwartz received a stipend.

Marylene Goode, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Goode’s application, study plan and accommodations request. 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. Goode’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Monela Beroni, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Beroni’s application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from the Az. Dept. of Juvenile Corrections, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Glenn Tanita, D.M.H., indicated that Dr. Beroni worked 40 – 50 hours per week for a total of 2,000 hours. Additionally, Dr. Tanita’s subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Beroni obtained 90 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time Dr. Beroni is 10 hours deficient in meeting the direct patient/client requirement. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Beroni can apply 2,063 internship hours toward licensure therefore she only needs an additional 937 supervised experience hours. She may wish to apply only 937 postdoctoral hours that meets the requirement

of A.R.S. §32-2071(G). Furthermore, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H), the Committee cannot accept more than 40 hours worked per week.

Rachael Grantham, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Grantham’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. Grantham’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the applications of Amy Cole, Ph.D., Audrey Sessions, Psy.D., Cody Bayles, Ph.D., Delia Avelar, Psy.D., Ernesto Reza, Psy.D., Marylene Goode, Psy.D., and Rachael Grantham, Psy.D. to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee, to issue additional information request letters to Kelly Rodriguez, Psy.D., Kristin Schwartz, Psy.D., and Monela Beroni, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications and to forward the application of Amy Prosser, Ph.D. to the full Board for substantive review due to lack of a quorum. The motion carried 2-0.

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

Alexandra Schilling, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Schilling’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. Schilling’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Angela Cusimano, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cusimano’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. Cusimano’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Bohankse made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Alexandra Schilling, Psy.D., and Angela Cusimano, 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.

*The Committee recessed at 8:08 a.m. and reconvened at 9:02 a.m.*

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

Lisa Isaac, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Isaac’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. Isaac’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Tami Young, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Young’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. Young’s 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. Bohanske, to forward the applications of Lisa Isaac, Ph.D., and Tami Young, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee. The motion carried 2-0.

**Requesting Approval of Supervised Work Experience**

Courtney Baker, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Baker’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. Baker’s 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. Bohanske, to forward the application of Courtney Baker, 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.

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

**Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience**

Carrie Mereness, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Mereness’ 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. Mereness’ application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Hitomi Mueller, M.Ed. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Mueller’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. Mueller’ application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Jaimie Michaels, M.Ed. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Michaels’ 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. Michaels’ application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Jamie Burgan, M.S. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Burgan’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. Burgan’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Justin James, M.Ed. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Mr. James’ 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. James’ application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Mckenzie Lowrie, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Lowrie’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. Lowrie's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Tami Jursich, M.S. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Jursich's application. Upon review of her application, the Committee noted that she answered "yes" to question #14 of the application. At this time the Committee is requesting an explanation from her as to her "yes" answer to question #14 of the application.

Dr. Bohankse made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Carrie Mereness, M.A., Hitomi Mueller, M.Ed., Jaimie Michaels, M.Ed., Jamie Burgan, M.S., Justin James, M.Ed., and Mckenzie Lowrie, M.A., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and to issue an additional information request letter to Tami Jursich, M.S., regarding the deficiency discussed in her application. The motion carried 2-0.

## **5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no items for future meetings.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Bohanske made motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

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