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## **Application Review Committee**

### MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING March 29, 2019 7:32 a.m.

1740 W Adams St Conference Room C (1st Floor) 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 Madame Chair Mellott at 7:34 a.m. No Executive Sessions were held.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

### Committee Members Participating by Telephone Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. - Chair

Matthew A. Meier, Psy.D.

### **Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, A.A.G.

### **Staff Present**

Jenna Jones-Executive Director (8:30 a.m.) Heather Broaddus - Deputy Director Kathy Fowkes – Licensing Specialist

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 1, 2019, Regular Session

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Mellott seconded.

**VOICE VOTE**: The motion carried 2-0.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

### Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) Only

### Patricia Parker, Ph.D.

Committee members proceed with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted several discrepancies regarding supervised hours on the applicant's internship verification form submitted by Dr. Richard Greenbaum. On the verification form, Dr. Greenbaum states the applicant worked 9 hours per week for 52 weeks for a total of 2,000 hours. The Committee noted that if the applicant worked 9 hours a week for 52 weeks the maximum amount of hours she could have obtained is 468 hours. In addition, Dr.

Greenbaum indicated 2,000 total direct client contact hours, which is the same as the applicant's total hours of experience. The Committee noted that this would not allow time for the applicant to obtain individual face-to-face supervision and would not allow time for her to complete other administrative duties such as report writing. Furthermore, the Committee expressed concern regarding the following:

- A secondary supervisor was not identified in the internship written training plan
- A secondary supervisor did not sign the internship written training plan.
- A licensed psychologist may not have been directly available to the trainee in case of emergency.
- The applicant may not have had interaction with other psychology trainees.
- Dr. Greenbaum implies in his letter that the applicant did not receive the appropriate amount of supervision each week during the internship.
- Dr. Greenbaum implies in his letter that applicant may not have participated in additional learning activities during the internship experience.
- The nature of the supervision Dr. Greenbaum provided may not meet other requirements in A.R.S. §32-2071(F) and A.A.C. R4-26-310.

It was the consensus of the Committee to request additional information from Dr. Greenbaum regarding the concerns noted above and his relationship with New Hope Corp.

### 2) Sylvia Lizette Lares, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the internship verification indicated she completed 2,189 hours and that she worked 44 hours per week, which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(H). The Committee also noted that if the verification were revised to credit only 40 hours a week, the internship would meet requirements. Additionally, the Committee noted that all other materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP, contingent on her supervisor correcting verification of internship to give credit for only 40 hours per week.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to forward the application of Sylvia Lizette Lares, Psy.D. to the Board for approval contingent upon Board staff receiving a corrected internship verification; and to request additional information from Dr. Greenbaum, Dr. Patricia Parker's internship supervisor. Dr. Meier seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

### B. Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

### 1) Aimee Robertson, Ph.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 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 and payment of the pro-rated license fee.

### 2) Ashley M. Pelton, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-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 forward the re-

application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated license fee.

### 3) Farid Akhbari, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-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 forward the reapplication to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated license fee.

### 4) Mark C. Kent, Ph.D.

Dr. Meier recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, the application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

### 5) Natalie Loomis, Ph.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 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 and payment of the pro-rated license fee.

### 6) Nathan Verschaetse, 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 statutes and rules. However, the Committee noted a discrepancy on the preinternship summary form the applicant provided. 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 and payment of the pro-rated license fee, contingent upon Board staff receiving a corrected preinternship summary form from the applicant.

### 7) Naudia R. Moorley, 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 statutes and rules. However, the Committee noted that the postdoctoral verification states the experience started 9/28/2018, but the written training plan was signed 10/05/2017. 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 and payment of the prorated license fee, contingent upon the typo in the start date being corrected on the postdoctoral supervised experience verification.

### 8) Ricardo Pierre Thomas, Ph.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 statutes and rules. However, the Committee noted the documentation of APA accreditation was not in the file. Dr. Mellott noted that she was familiar with Dr. Thomas' doctoral program and knew it to be APA accredited. The Committee directed staff to obtain the documentation and add it to the applicant's file. 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 and payment of the pro-rated license fee, contingent upon staff obtaining documentation of the doctoral program's APA accreditation.

### 9) Susanne Marie Mumby, 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 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 and payment of the pro-rated license fee.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Aimee Robertson, Ph.D., Ashley Pelton, Ph.D., Farid Akhbari, Psy.D., Natalie Loomis, Ph.D., and Susanne Mumby, Psy.D. to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated license fee; to forward the applications of Nathan Verschaetse, Psy.D. Ricardo Pierre Thomas, Ph.D., and Naudia R. Moorley, Psy.D. to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated license fee contingent upon corrections as noted above. Dr. Meier seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

### C. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

### 1) <u>Denise Rodriguez Esquivel, Ph.D.</u>

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 statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

### 2) Jessica Weeks, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

### 3) Lori Holleran, Ph.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 statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

### 4) <u>Lucinda Gray, Ph.D.</u>

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. Upon review, the Committee noted that the Core Program Requirements form requested at a previous Committee meeting was incomplete. The applicant did not provide the semester, the year she took the courses, the department, or the course number. It was the consensus of the Committee to make a second request for a completed Core Program Requirements form, as well as a copy of the course catalog from the time period of the applicant's doctoral program. The Committee noted that university registrars maintain copies of course catalogs and directed staff to provide this information to the applicant.

### 5) Steve Tutty, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

#### **6)** Traci Moreno, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Denise Rodriguez Esquivel, Ph.D., Jessica Weeks, Ph.D., Lori Holleran, Ph.D., Steve Tutty, Ph.D., and Traci Moreno, Psy.D. to the Board for approval of licensure, and to request additional information as noted above from Lucinda Gray, Ph.D. Dr. Meier seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

### D. Requesting Approval of Postdoctoral Experience for Licensure

### 1) Charlene S. Kim, Ph.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 statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

#### 2) David G. Dubner, Ph.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 statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

**MOTION**: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Charlene S. Kim, Ph.D. and David G. Dubner, Ph.D. to the Board for approval of licensure. Dr. Meier seconded.

**VOICE VOTE**: The motion carried 2-0.

### E. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential

### 1) Lisa Christine Caracci, 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 statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

### 2) Laurie Edwards, Ph.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 statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

**MOTION:** Dr. Meier moved to forward the applications of Lisa C. Caracci, Psy.D. and Laurie Edwards, Ph.D., to the Board for approval of licensure. Dr. Mellott seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

### F. Requesting Approval for EPPP and Temporary Licensure

### 1) Eveline Bush, Psy.D.

The applicant was present on the teleconference call. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that on the Core Program Requirements form, the applicant listed courses more than once in different categories which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4). Also, the Committee noted no ethics course was listed on the doctoral transcript from Charisma University, which may not meet the course requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4)(a). Additionally, on the internship verification, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Sarette Zecharia, Ph.D., indicated 1,532 total hours of experience, with 56 total hours of individual, face-to-face supervision, which does not meet the supervision requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(6). Furthermore, the applicant indicated that she has graduate course work from Arizona State University for which an official transcript was not received. It was the consensus of the Committee to request that the applicant complete the Core Program Requirements form listing each course only once, and provide a copy of the syllabi for all courses. Additionally, for all graduate course work for which a transcript was not received, have an official transcript sent to the Board's office. Furthermore, it was the consensus of the Committee to request clarification of the applicant's internship hours, and if appropriate, have Dr. Zecharia submit a corrected form and a copy of the applicant's supervision logs.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to request additional information as noted above. Dr. Meier seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

### 5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No new agenda items were requested.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Meier moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Mellott. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the Committee adjourned at 8:52 a.m.