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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

March 30, 2020 - 7:30 a.m.

1740 W Adams Street

Room 1024

Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee (ARC) was called to order by Madame Chair Mellott at 7:31 a.m. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D., Chair - Present

Matt Meier, Ph.D. – Present

Staff Members Participating

Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director

Assistant Attorney General Participating

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

A quorum of the Committee was established.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 6, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

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

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

Ms. Galvin summarized Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Order 2020-17, noting the requirement that licensure boards grant time-specific provisional licenses when an applicant has met all requirements other than passing the licensure exam, and are currently precluded from testing due to testing center closure. Ms. Herbst Paakkonen confirmed Board staff will implement the Board's actions relative to issuing provisional licensure. Ms. Galvin affirmed that the Application Review Committee will continue to perform its work to review application files and forward them to the Board with its recommendations.

A. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure

1) Amy Leigh Becker, Psy.D. (REAPP)

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 application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

2) Amy Marie Bissinger, 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 application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

3) Angelica L. Parnell-Tann, 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.

4) Barbod Salimi, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that while the file is complete, the applicant has failed the EPPP three times previously and is therefore required to review his areas of deficiency and submit evidence of implementing a program of study or practical experience designed to remedy the deficiencies. The members noted that he described his efforts to study for the examination, but the plan isn't comprehensive and lacks focus and a timeline. Additionally the members noted one reference letter is out of date.

5) Heather Marie Holden, 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.

6) Lori Wilson, 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 application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

7) Marisa Sanchez, Psy.D. (REAPP)

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 application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

8) S. Kathleen Bailey, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application. Upon review, the Committee questioned the documentation submitted relative to her post-doctoral program documented hours. The Committee reviewed the statute and rule language specific to post-doctoral program requirements and determined the information supplied by the applicant concerning her training plan lacked the required depth, breadth and quality description required. The members also noted she will need to submit the syllabus for the Cultural Issues for Clinical Psychologists course to ascertain whether her coursework content meets the prescribed requirements as the transcript is unclear.

9) Sue A. Moler, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application. The Committee members noted Dr. Moler has failed the EPPP five times and has submitted a study plan as required. They noted the plan in the file is dated 2020 and she last attempted the EPPP in December of 2019. The members discussed the fact that the statutes do not prescribe a limit to the number of examination attempts, and that in the past the Board has invited applicants presenting with these circumstances to appear before the Board to discuss their remediation plan. The members discussed concerns with the effectiveness of the plan the applicant has submitted. The Committee members directed staff to issue a notice to the applicant and to emphasize the necessity of developing an effective examination remediation plan and focusing her efforts on preparing for a successful attempt on the EPPP.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the following applications to the Board with a recommendation to approve the applications of Drs. Becker, Bissinger, Parnell-Tann, Holden, Wilson, Sanchez, and Moler (with the additional advisory to Dr. Moler as noted). The motion included advising staff to notify Dr. Salimi of his application deficiencies. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

B. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

1) Adam Frose, 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) Elisabetta Ambrosia, 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.

3) Kimberly Marie Howlett, 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.

4) Spring Flores Johnson, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the applicant will need to submit syllabi or documentation describing her pre-internship at Loma Linda University in order for the Committee to determine whether the requirements were met with respect to oversight and supervision. Additionally, one preinternship site, UCLA, does not verify any individual face to face supervision, which is required under A.R.S. § 32-2075(E). The Committee noted that the applicant may use postdoctoral hours to meet the 3,000 supervised hours licensure requirement.

5) Yamileth Fisher, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the verification of her preinternship hours is unclear, and some of her academic requirements appear to have been reported twice which renders the total number of hours and some required course content as deficient. The members discussed the fact that she isn't eligible for Universal Recognition licensure as she is not an Arizona resident.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the applications of Drs. Frose, Ambrosia, and Howlett to the Board with a recommendation for approval, and that deficiency letters with the discussed deficits be issued to Drs. Johnson and Fisher. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

C. Requesting Approval of Supervised Hours for Licensure

1) Kim Anh Ann Bui, 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 supervised hours for licensure.

2) Ronald C. Bean, 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 supervised hours for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the applicant to the full board for approval. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

D. Requesting Approval for Temporary Licensure/EPPP

1) Matthew Hussey, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The members discussed the fact that the applicant is a former student of the now closed Argosy University program. The members concurred that the appropriate action at this time is to table the application in the hope that HB2224 is signed into law at some point in the coming weeks as it temporarily waives the residency requirement thus creating an application pathway for the former Argosy University students.

E. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential

1) Janet C. Nicholson, Ed.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) Nekeshia Hammond, 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.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the applications of Drs. Nicholson and Hammond to the Board with a recommendation for approval. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

F. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition

1) Deborah Kaye Chatel, 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) Kenneth E. Christianson, 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 Drs. Chatel and Christianson to the Board with a recommendation for approval. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were suggested.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Meier moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2-0. The meeting was adjusted at 8:37 a.m.