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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

July 9, 2018

7:30 a.m.

1740 W Adams St
Conference Room A (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 7:32 a.m. on July 9, 2018. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. - Chair

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Jenna Jones- Executive Director

Heather Broaddus – Deputy Director

Kathy Fowkes – Licensing Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, A.A.G.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 25, 2018 Regular Session Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Brundage moved to accept the minutes. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

- b. June 1, 2018 Regular Session Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Brundage moved to accept the minutes. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) ONLY

Stefani Morris, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Morris' 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. Morris' reapplication to the Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Wendy Koosmann, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Koosmann'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. Koosmann's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP.

MOTION: Dr. Brundage moved to forward the applications of Stefani Morris, Psy.D., and Wendy Koosmann, Ph.D., to the Board for review and approval to take the EPPP. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

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

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

Christine DeSantis-Collis, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. DeSantis-Collis' 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. DeSantis-Collis' application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

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

Giac-Thao (Alisia) Tran, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Tran'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. Tran's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Jacqueline Ford, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ford'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. Ford's reapplication to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

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

Maria Blewster, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Blewster's application. Upon review, The Committee noted all materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. However, upon review of her Summary of Pre-Internship Supervised Professional Experiences spreadsheet and verifications of the same, the Committee noted that staff did not receive verification of one pre-internship supervised experience disclosed on Dr. Blewster's application. Without this verification, the application did not meet the hours requirement in A.R.S. §32-2071(E). The Committee directed staff to make an informal request to Dr. Blewster to have her supervisor submit the verification. It was the consensus of the Committee, if the missing verification was timely received, to move Dr. Blewster's application to the Board for substantive review.

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

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

Tyler Whitney, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Whitney's application. Upon review, the Committee expressed concern regarding multiple issues, including that Dr. Whitney's license verifications indicated disciplinary actions in three states, and his Georgia license is currently suspended. It was the consensus of the Committee to move his application forward to the full Board for substantive review. The Committee requested Dr. Whitney's presence at the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Mellot moved to forward the applications of Ashley Houston, Ph.D., Charisse Ewing, Psy.D., Christine De Santis-Collis, Ph.D., Farid Akhbari, Psy.D., Giac-Thao (Alisia) Tran, Ph.D., Jacqueline Ford, Ph.D., Madison Knight, Ph.D., Megan Dale, Psy.D., and Robert Beridha, Ph.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. Also, to informally request the missing pre-internship verification from Maria Blewster, Psy.D.'s supervisor and, if timely received, to forward her application to the next Board meeting for substantive review. In addition, to forward the application of Tyler Whitney, Psy.D. to the Board for substantive review at the August in-person Board meeting and to request Dr. Whitney's presence.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

Briana J. Auman, Psy.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Auman'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. Auman's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Christine Breuer, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Breuer'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. Breuer's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

David Davis, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Davis' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the course work submitted and Dr. Davis' doctoral degree may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(A), and that one of his references is not currently licensed which does not meet the requirement of A.C.C. R4-26-203(A)(a). The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Davis and request documentation demonstrating that his course work and supervised experiences meet the requirements for licensure, and to obtain a new reference for review at a subsequent meeting.

Erika Geiggar-Schad, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Geiggar-Schad's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that her pre-internship experience does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4), but that she may have postdoctoral experience. The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Geiggar-Schad and request that her supervisor submit verification of her postdoctoral hours for review at a subsequent meeting.

Evelyn Burrell, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Burrell'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. Burrell's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Jennifer Cook, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cook'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. Cook's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Jessica Sneed, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Sneed'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. Sneed's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Jo Vogeli, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Vogeli's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that her pre-internship experience does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4), but that she may have postdoctoral experience. The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Vogeli and request that her supervisor submit verification of her postdoctoral hours for review at a subsequent meeting.

Lawrence Henry, Ed.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Henry's application. Upon review of Dr. Henry's practice history, the Committee expressed concern that he has not been in practice since 2010. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Henry's application forward to the Board for substantive review of the application.

Lisa Gudenkauf, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gudenkauf’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. Gudenkauf’s application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Nicholas De Los Reyes, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. De Los Reyes’ application. Upon review, the Committee noted his single semester hour in Ethics may not meet the coursework requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(4)(a). The Committee directed staff to request documentation of at least two more semester hours in the content area of scientific and professional ethics and standards in psychology, which may include documentation of passing a comprehensive exam from the college which issued his doctoral degree, pursuant to A.C.C. R4-26-202(c) for review at a subsequent meeting.

Victoria Liou-Johnson, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Liou-Johnson’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that at two of the four sites, her supervision hours do not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c) & (d), and at the other two sites, her direct patient contact hours do not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(b). In addition the Committee noted that her postdoctoral experience may not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Liou-Johnson and request that her supervisor clarify her postdoctoral hours regarding direct client/patient contact, and that she update her application to reflect that she is applying internship and postdoctoral experience hours toward licensure.

William Reese, III, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Reese’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the communication received from the University of Arizona confirms that his doctorate degree does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(A). It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Reese’s application to the Board with a recommendation for denial or to provide him the opportunity to withdraw his application.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Briana J. Auman, Psy.D., Christine Breuer, Ph.D., Evelyn Burrell, Psy.D., Jennifer Cook, Psy.D., Jessica Sneed, Ph.D., Lisa Gudenkauf, Ph.D. to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, and direct Board staff to contact Dr. Davis, Dr. Geiggar-Schad, Dr. Vogeli, Dr. De Los Reyes, and Dr. Liou-Johnson to request documentation as described above. In addition, to forward the applications of Lawrence Henry, Ed.D. to the Board for substantive review, and the application of William Reese, III, Ph.D. to the Board for substantive review with recommendation for denial or to provide him the opportunity to withdraw his application.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 2-0.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items for future agendas.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Committee Chair