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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING September 28, 2018 7:30 a.m.

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Conference Room C (1st Floor)
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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 Madame Chair Mellott at 7:33 a.m. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

**Committee Members Participating
by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. - Chair
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.

Attorney General's Office
Jeanne Galvin, A.A.G.

Staff Present

Heather Broaddus – Deputy Director
Kathy Fowkes – Licensing Specialist

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item continued to the next Application Review Committee Meeting.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

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

- 1.) Dominique Doss Stephens, 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 with one exception. On her internship verification form, the verifier indicated the program was APA accredited at the time of Dr. Stephens' training. However, verification of accreditation indicates APPIC accreditation only. The Committee directed staff to request the verifier change her answer to question #3 to accurately reflect the status of the program at the time of Dr. Stephens' internship. If received in a timely manner, 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.

- 1) Ester Stevens, 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 move Dr. Stevens' application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.
- 2) Joel Gaffney, 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 move Dr. Gaffney's application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.
- 3) Michael Brower, 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 move Dr. Brower's application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.
- 4) Vera Kurzkurt, 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 move Dr. Kurzkurt's application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Ester Stevens, Psy.D., Joel Gaffney, Ph.D., Michael Brower, Psy.D., and Vera Kurzkurt, Psy.D. to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee, and upon receipt of the corrected verification form, to move forward the application of Dominique Doss Stephens, Psy.D. to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee. Dr. Flowers seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 2-0.

B. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

- 1) David Ben Denny, 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 move Dr. Denny's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.
- 2) Elizabeth Bacon, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Bacon's coursework in the areas of ethics, assessment and treatment modalities may not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4). The Committee also noted her internship training plan did not appear to be in the file, but was later identified in the scan and reviewed by Dr. Mellott. It was the consensus of the Committee to request additional information from Dr. Bacon regarding the deficiencies in her application as discussed, including a copy of the syllabus for each course in the areas noted by the Committee.

- 3) Jennifer Krug, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the California exam listed in the Core Requirements for Dr. Krug’s ethics coursework did not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4)(a). It was the consensus of the Committee to request additional information from Dr. Krug regarding how she met the requirements in the content area of scientific and professional ethics and standards in psychology.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the application of David Ben Denny, Psy.D. to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, and to request additional information as discussed from Elizabeth Bacon, Ph.D. and Jennifer Krug, Ph.D. Dr. Flowers seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 2-0.

C. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential

- 1) Denise Reeves, 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 move Dr. Reeves’ application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.
- 2) Paul Nussbaum, 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 move Dr. Nussbaum’s application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.
- 3) Timothy L. Sams, 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 move Dr. Sams’ application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Denise Reeves, Psy.D., Paul Nussbaum, Ph.D. and Timothy L. Sams, Ph.D. to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. Dr. Flowers seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 2-0.

D. Requesting Approval for EPPP and Temporary Licensure

- 1) Tatiana Fedotova-Klinger, Psy.D. – Dr. Fedotova-Klinger was present by phone. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Action was taken against Dr. Fedotova-Klinger’s license/certification by another Board and the Action was terminated in January 2018. Dr. Fedotova-Klinger answered the Committee’s questions regarding the Action. The Committee noted the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Fedotova-Klinger’s application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and temporary licensure upon payment of the temporary license fee.

MOTION: Dr. Flowers moved to forward the application of Tatiana Fedotova-Klinger, Psy.D. to the Board for review and approval of temporary licensure and to take the EPPP upon payment of the pro-rated license fee. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 2-0.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee directed staff to include a review of the Psychologist application on the next agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flowers moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Mellott. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the Committee adjourned at 8:30 a.m.