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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

February 21, 2018

7:30 a.m.

1740 W Adams St
1st Floor Conference Room (1001)
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 Madam Chair Mellott at 7:30 a.m. on February 21, 2018. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Heather Broaddus –Deputy Director
Krishna Poe – Interim Licensing Coordinator

3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) ONLY

Sarah Bald, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bald'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. Bald's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the application of Sarah Bald, Psy.D., to the Board for review and approval to take the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

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

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

Meredith Van Tine, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Van Tine’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. Van Tine’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 DiCarlo, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. DiCarlo’s application. Upon review of his post-doctoral requirements, the Committee noted that the Board can only accept 40 hours worked per week pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H). The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. DiCarlo’s supervisor to submit a new post-doctoral verification form. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. DiCarlo’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score, payment of the prorated license fee, and receipt of the Post-Doctoral verification from Dr. DiCarlo’s supervisor.

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

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Kara Beck, Ph.D., Lisa Spanierman, Ph.D., Meredith Van Tine, Psy.D., and Sara Frye, Ph.D., to the Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee and to forward the application of Robert DiCarlo, Ph.D. to the Board for approval to take the EPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee and upon receipt of the postdoctoral verification form from his supervisor. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

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

Julie Myers, Ph.D., – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Myers’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of the supplemental materials Dr. Myers provided, the Committee noted that she is applying pre-internship experience hours (750 hours)

toward licensure. It was noted that the Supervised Preinternshio Verification form was submitted by the Site Director, Richard Rogers, Ph.D., to account for these pre-internship hours. Supervised Pre-internship hours must be verified by the Doctoral Program Training Director or Faculty Supervisor pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2071(E)(2-6). The Committee is requesting that the Supervised Pre-internship Experience Verification form be completed and submitted by the Doctoral Program Training Director or Faculty Supervisor. Additionally, Dr. Myers may wish to submit Post-Doctoral Professional Experience hours for consideration.

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

Ronald Ruff, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ruff’s application. Upon review of his Core Program Requirements, the Committee noted that his coursework is deficient in the following four (4) areas, which does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4)(a)(d)(f)(h):

- Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology
- Cognitive-Affective Basis of Behavior
- Individual Differences
- Treatment Modalities

At this time, the Committee is requesting that he submit additional coursework and/or have official transcripts sent directly to the Board office for additional courses which may meet Core Program Requirements for licensure. Additionally he may wish to take additional courses and have official transcripts sent to the Board office upon completion for consideration. The Committee noted that he has not taken EPPP. The Committee noted that if his application is approved he will be required to sit for the EPPP Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2072(A)(1-2).

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the applications of Chad McWhinne, Ph.D. and Rob Morgan, Psy.D., to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee and to request additional information from Julie Myers, Ph.D. and Ronald Ruff, Ph.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential

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

Dr. Mellot made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the application of Donald Gieck, Ph.D. to the 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 TEMPORARY LICENSE APPLICANTS AND APPROVAL OF POSTDOCTORAL WRITTEN TRAINING PLAN

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

Jennifer Nanson, Psy.D. – Dr. Bohanske recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Shelly Marsh, Psy.D. – Dr. Bohanske recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Benius M. Beard, Psy.D. to the Board for approval of licensure upon receipt of the license fee and the applications of Jennifer Nanson, Psy.D. and Shelly Marsh, Psy.D. were forwarded to the Board for substantive review due to lack of a quorum. The motion carried 2-0.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee members requested that an item pertaining to Rules and Statute be placed on a future agenda. Specifically, waiving the EPPP requirement for psychologists that have been licensed in another jurisdiction for a certain amount of years.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Bohanske made motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

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