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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING
September 11, 2012
7:30 a.m.**

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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 Dr. Mellott at 7:30 a.m. on September 11, 2012. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Cindy Olvey, Psy.D. - Executive Director
Megan Martin – Deputy Director
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3. DISCUSSION DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) Only

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

Benjamin Richter, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Richter’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. Richter’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Sandra Rodriguez-Siuts, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Rodriguez-Siuts’ 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. Rodriguez-Siuts’ application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of HaNa Kim, Ph.D., Benjamin Richter, Psy.D., and Sandra Rodriguez-Siuts, Ph.D. to the full for approval to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

George Bialkowski, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bialkowski’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. Bialkowski’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Meena Choi, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Choi’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Choi failed to complete question number 35 on page 8-9 of the application. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Choi complete question number 35 and return page 8-9 to the Board office.

Raymond-Steven Almora Fernandez, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Fernandez’s 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 move Dr. Fernandez’s re-application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Brandy Gardner, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gardner’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. Gardner’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Jeffrey Kinderdietz, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kinderdietz’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. Kinderdietz’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Kristen Lilly, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lilly’s application. Upon review, The Committee noted that the Board has not received verification from the Arizona Department of Education for Dr. Lilly’s certificate as a school psychologist. The Committee directed Board staff to contact the Department of Education to primary source verify Dr. Lilly’s certification. The Committee noted that the remaining materials were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move

Dr. Lilly's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, pending receipt of the verification from the Department of Education.

Nancy Means-Wood, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Means-Wood'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. Means-Wood's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Rhuan Rudy, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Rudy's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Rudy held license #0007151723 with the North Dakota Insurance Department. The Committee noted that the status of the license indicates that it was voluntarily surrendered. The Committee is requesting additional information regarding why Dr. Rudy's license was voluntarily surrendered. Specifically, the Committee would like clarification as to whether the voluntary surrender was in lieu of disciplinary action.

Kimberly Thiessen, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Thiessen's 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 move Dr. Thiessen's re-application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of George Bialkowski, Psy.D., Raymond-Steven Almora Fernandez, Ph.D., Brandy Gardner, Psy.D., Jeffrey Kinderdietz, Ph.D., Nancy Means-Wood, Psy.D. and Kimberly Thiessen, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, and to forward the application of Kristen Lilly, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval pending the receipt of her school psychologist verification form and to issue RAID letters to Meena Choi, Ph.D., and Rhuan Rudy, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

Frank Bevacqua, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bevacqua'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. Bevacqua's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Rebecca Gillis, Psy.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gillis' 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. Gillis' application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

An Nguyen, Psy.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Nguyen'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. Nguyen's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

James Henry Willis, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Willis' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Willis' doctoral degree program

in General Psychology may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(A) as “an applied psychology” degree. At this time, the Committee is requesting further documentation that indicates Dr. Willis’ General Psychology degree fulfills A.R.S. §32-2071(A). For example, a letter from the Dean of the General Psychology Program describing the program goals and content may be submitted on official University letterhead. Further, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Willis indicate which institution the program and course descriptions he submitted are from, as he did not provide that information. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Willis’ Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience forms from Mental Health Unit, Marine Corps Recruit Depot (October 14, 1983 – December 9, 1983), Mental Health Clinic Naval Station, (October 26, 1982 – February 8, 1983), Mental Health Unit, Marine Corps Recruit Depot (May 16, 1983 – September 1983) and Psychiatry Department Naval Hospital (October 5, 1981 – September 30, 1982) may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(9). At this time, the Committee is requesting additional information that Dr. Willis’ internships were an organized training program. Further, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Willis submit his written training plans for his internships.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to issue a RAID letter to James Henry Willis, Ph.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application. The motion carried 2-0.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Frank Bevacqua, Ph.D., Rebecca Gillis, Psy.D. and An Nguyen, Psy.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and. The motion carried (2-0).

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Behavior Analyst Licensure by Experience:

Sarah Gentry, M.Ed., BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Gentry’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Ms. Gentry’s supervisor, Christine Kaffer, became licensed as a behavior analyst in Arizona on November 7, 2011. The Committee expressed concerns that Ms. Gentry’s supervisor may not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2091.03(E) and A.R.S. §32-2091.03 Sec. 3 Supervision Requirements. Additionally, the Committee noted that the correspondence Ms. Gentry submitted indicated that she would “...like to request to be exempt from the requirement that the supervisor be licensed during the time of supervision as 300 of the required 1500 supervised fieldwork hours were accrued after the new requirement went into effect in January of 2011.” The Committee expressed concern that Ms. Gentry’s request may not meet the requirements of A.R.S. 32-2091.03(F). At this time, the Committee is requesting additional information regarding how many supervised hours Ms. Gentry obtained before January 1, 2011.

Jessica Irwin, M.Ed., BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Irwin’s application and subsequent 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 move Ms. Irwin’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Kathleen Walsh, M.Ed., MT-BS, BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Walsh’s application. Upon review of Ms. Walsh’s Supervised Work Experience or Independent Fieldwork Verification form, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Aaron Blocher-Rubin, MBA, indicated that he did not provide observation at least once every two weeks while Ms. Walsh was engaging in behavior analytic activities, which may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2091.03(A)(2).

At this time the Committee is requesting additional information regarding Ms. Walsh's supervised work experience or independent fieldwork hours. Specifically, the frequency is which she was observed.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the application of Jessica Irwin, M.Ed., BCBA to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried (2-0).

Dr. DiBacco made a motion seconded by Dr. Mellott, to issue RAID letters to Sarah Gentry, M.Ed., BCBA and Kathleen Walsh, M.Ed., MT-BS, BCBA, regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NADER SIAHDOHONI, PH.D. REQUESTING DOCUMENTS FROM PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS BE CONSIDERED IN REVIEWING HIS RECENT APPLICATION

After deliberation, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to deny Dr. Siahdohoni's request pursuant to A.A.C. R4-26-204. The motion carried 2-0.

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no new items for future meetings.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

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