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Application Review Committee

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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**October 9, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.**

1400 West Washington  
Suite #235  
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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 7:33 a.m. on October 9, 2012. One Executive Session was 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  
Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

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Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 11, 2012 Regular Session Minutes**

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve the September 11, 2012, Regular Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried 2-0.

**4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NADER SIAHDOHONI, PH.D. SUBMISSION OF HIS STUDY PLAN**

Dr. Mellott provided a summary to the Committee.

At 7:34 a.m., Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott to go into executive session to review confidential records. The motion carried 2-0. Open session reconvened at 7:43 a.m.

After deliberation, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward Dr. Siahdohoni's application to the full Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a

passing score and receipt of the pro-rated license fee. The motion carried 2-0.

**5. DISCUSSION DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS**

**Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) Only**

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

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the application of Lauren Koep, Psy.D. to the full for approval to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried (2-0).

**Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure**

Meena Choi, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Choi’s application and subsequent submissions. 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. Choi’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.

Nicole Pondell, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pondell’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. Pondell’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.

Alexander Renelt, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Renelt’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. Renelt’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.

Rhuan Rudy, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Rudy’s application and subsequent submissions. 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. Rudy’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.

Nathan Velez, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Velez’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Velez’s Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from Northern Arizona University, Department of Educational Psychology, his supervisor, Eugene Moan, Ed.D., indicated that Dr. Velez’s working title was “Supervisor of Masters Level Practicum Students” from August 2011 – December 2011. Pursuant to A.R.S. 32-2071(E)(1): “The applicant’s supervised preinternship professional experiences shall reflect a faculty directed, organized, sequential series of supervised experiences of increasing complexity that follows appropriate academic coursework and that prepares the applicant for an internship”. The Committee is requesting clarification as to how this preinternship experience meets the statutory requirement. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Velez submitted his program of studies which does not constitute a written training plan. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(5): “The applicant must provide to the board the written training plan developed by the applicant’s program and documentation of the total hours accrued by the applicant during the

supervised preinternship professional experience, including the number of face-to-face patient-client contact hours and the amount of supervision and qualifications of the supervisors for the entire supervised preinternship professional experiences. Documentation must include an acknowledgement that ethics training was included throughout the supervised preinternship professional experience.” The Committee is requesting that Dr. Velez submit his written training plan.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Meena Choi, Ph.D., Nicole Pondell, Psy.D., Alexander Renelt, Ph.D., Rhuan Rudy, Psy.D. and Nader Siahdohoni, Ph.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 issue a RAID letter to Nathan Velez, Ph.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application. The motion carried (2-0).

#### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver**

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

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

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Jay Seitz, Ph.D. and Vanessa Zizak, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried (2-0).

#### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential**

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

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Harvey Shubert, Ph.D., CPQ, to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and. The motion carried (2-0).

### **6. 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 and subsequent submission. 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. After deliberation, it was the consensus of the Committee to forward Ms. Gentry's application to the full Board to review the supervisor exemption request.

Laura Sabin, MA, BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Sabin'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 Ms. Sabin's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the application of Sarah Gentry, M.Ed., BCBA to the full Board to review the supervisor exemption request. The motion carried 2-0.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Laura Sabin, MA, BCBA for review and approval of licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried (2-0).

## **7. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no new items for future meetings.

## **8. 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 8:07 a.m.

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