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

1400 West Washington
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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 October 30, 2012.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

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

Staff Present

Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

Attorney General

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9, 2012 Regular & Executive Session Minutes

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve the October 9, 2012, Regular & Executive Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried 2-0.

4. DISCUSSION DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) Only

Rachel Mark, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Mark'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. Mark's re-application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Amra Stafford, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Stafford'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. Stafford's 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 Rachel Mark, Psy.D. and Amra Stafford, 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

Koren Ganas, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ganas' 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. Ganas' 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 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. 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.

Brecken Laizure, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Laizure's application. Upon review, the Committee noted Dr. Laizure's Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the Arizona Department of Corrections/Midwestern University Multi-Specialty Internship Program, her supervisor, T.A. Fulks, Psy.D., answered no to question #10. Dr. Fulks provided an explanation, which indicated, as part of Dr. Laizure's internship she spent "...8 hours a week with Midwestern's Multi-Specialty Clinic." Furthermore, Dr. Fulks indicated that Dr. Laizure's internship supervisor at Midwestern's Multi-Specialty Clinic was Shefali Gandhi, Psy.D. The Committee is requesting documentation of Dr. Laizure's internship at Midwestern's Multi-Specialty Clinic supervised by Dr. Gandhi.

Sue Moler, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Moler's application and subsequent submissions. Upon review, the Committee noted that the subsequent materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Moler's application to the full Board for review of her Supervised Psychology Internship as her supervisor indicated that although Dr. Moler completed an APA accredited internship and a remediation plan, only 1,320 hours of her internship were considered as successfully completed.

Jennifer Thompson, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Thompson'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. Thompson'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.

Nathan Velez, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Velez'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. Velez'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.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Koren Ganas, Psy.D., Brandy Gardner, Psy.D., Jennifer Thompson, Psy.D. and Nathan Velez, 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, to issue a RAID letter to Brecken Laizure, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in her application and to forward the application of Sue Moler, Psy.D. to the full Board for review regarding her internship experience. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

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

Christina Whalen, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Whalen’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Whalen’s Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from University of California, San Diego Autism Lab, her supervisor, Laura Schreibman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Whalen completed 3,375 total hours of experience from September 1995 – December 2005 which does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(10). The Committee also noted that Dr. Schreibman submitted a letter titled “Statement of Goals and Content Training for Psychology Trainee, Christina Whalen” but did not submit a written training plan for Dr. Whalen’s internship which does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(9). Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Schreibman answered “No” to question #22 “Did this applicant have a title designating his or her trainee status” on the Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form. Furthermore, the Committee noted that question #25 of the application, “Undergraduate and Graduate Education”, Dr. Whalen indicated that her major subject area was “psychology experimental”, the Committee noted that her doctoral degree program in Experimental 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 clarification as to how Dr. Whalen’s internship experience meets the statutory requirement, is requesting that she submit her written training plan as well as an explanation to question #22. Additionally, the Committee is requesting further documentation that indicates her Experimental Psychology degree fulfills A.R.S. §32-2071(A).

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the application of Meghan LeBlanc, Psy.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and to issue a RAID letter to Christina Whalen, Ph.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

5. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Behavior Analyst Licensure by Experience:

Saba Biggar, MA, BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Biggar’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. Biggars'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 Saba Biggar, MA, 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).

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Mellott requested that an item be placed on a future Board agenda regarding the written training plan for preinternship.

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 7:52 a.m.

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