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MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

December 4, 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 7:33 a.m. on December 4, 2012.

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

Attorney General

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 30, 2012, Regular Session Minutes

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve the October 30, 2012, Regular Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried 2-0.

**4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS
Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure**

Madina Boyd, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Boyd's application. The Committee noted that Dr. Boyd submitted her "summary of practicum experiences" as her written training plan for her preinternship experience. The Committee determined that the summary of practicum experiences does not constitute a written training plan pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(2)(5). Additionally, upon review of her Supervised Preinternship

Experience Verification form from the Adler School of Professional Psychology, the Committee noted that Dr. Boyd's supervisor, Eunice Kim, Psy.D., answered "no" to question #6 "*Was at least 50% of the supervised experience spent in psychological service-related activities?*". The Committee is requesting that Dr. Boyd submit her written training plan. Additionally, the Committee is requesting clarification as to why question #6 on the preinternship experience verification was answered "no". Upon review of Dr. Boyd's Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, the Committee noted that Dr. Boyd's supervisor, Derek Oliver, Ph.D., indicated that she completed 2,400 total hours of experience from October 3, 2011 – October 4, 2012. Pursuant to A.R.S. 32-2071(H) the Committee can only accept 2,080 hours toward Dr. Boyd's internship experience.

Jennifer Breslin, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Breslin'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. Breslin'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.

Garion Davenport, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Davenport'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. Davenport'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.

Fabia Gomez-Salas, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gomez-Salas' 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. Gomez-Salas' 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.

Lori Gulley, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gulley'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. Gulley'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. The Committee noted that Dr. Gulley requested accommodations for the EPPP and that the full Board will be reviewing the request.

Brecken Laizure, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Laizure'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. Laizure'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.

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 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 approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Rachel Schwartz-Wernick, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Schwartz-Wernick's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that on the application Dr. Schwartz-Wernick answered "yes" to question #20:

Are you currently awaiting trial, under indictment, have been convicted of, pled no contest or guilty to any felony or a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic offense or ever entered into a diversion program instead of prosecution, including any convictions that have been expunged, pardoned or deleted?

Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Schwartz-Wernick has not been employed since 2003. It was the consensus of the Committee to request additional information and documentation regarding Dr. Schwartz-Wernick's employment and criminal history and to move her application to the next in-person Board meeting for further review. The Committee directed Board staff to request Dr. Schwartz-Wernick's presence at the Board meeting.

Jonathan Shelton, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Shelton'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. Shelton'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.

Kimberly Speck, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Speck'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. Speck'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.

Laura Stewart, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Stewart'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. Stewart'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.

Donna Terrell, Psy.D. – Committee members noted that Dr. Terrell's doctorate degree will not be conferred until January 31, 2013. Additionally, Committee members noted that Dr. Terrell's preinternship verification form indicated that 100% of her supervision was conducted by a licensed mental health provider. It was the consensus of the Committee to defer Dr. Terrell's application until her doctorate degree is conferred. The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Terrell regarding her supervision during her preinternship.

Nathan Thompson, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Thompson's application. Upon review of Dr. Thompson's preinternship experience verification form from, Psychological & Consulting Services, the Committee noted that his Director of Training, Michelle Melton, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Thompson's total number of supervised hours is 801 and that he received 34.5 total hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). Additionally, upon review of his preinternship experience verification form from, Southwest Human Development, the Committee noted that his Director of Training, Michelle Melton, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Thompson's total number of supervised hours is 549 and that he received 24.25 total hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). At this time Dr. Thompson remains 5.5 hours deficient in his total hours of individual supervision for his preinternship experience from Psychological & Consulting Services and 3.2 hours deficient in his total hours of individual supervision for his preinternship experience from Southwest Human Development. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Thompson did not submit a written training plan for his preinternship experience at Psychological & Consulting Services or from Adolescent Substance

Abuse Program. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Thompson submit copies of his documentation of supervision as proof of completion of your hours. Additionally, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Thompson submit his written training plans for Psychological & Consulting Services and Adolescent Substance Abuse Program.

Kelle Watson-English, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Watson-English’ 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. Watson-English’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 Jennifer Breslin, Ph.D., Garion Davenport, Psy.D., Fabia Gomez-Salas, Psy.D., Lori Gulley, Psy.D., Brecken Laizure, Psy.D., Sue Moler, Psy.D., Jonathan Shelton, Psy.D., Kimberly Speck, Ph.D., Laura Stewart, Psy.D. and Kelle Watson-English 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 Madina Boyd, Psy.D. and Nathan Thompson, Psy.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications, to forward the application of Rachel Schwartz-Wernick, Psy.D. to the full Board for review regarding her employment and criminal history and to defer the application of Donna Terrell, Psy.D. until her doctorate degree is conferred. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

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

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

R. Russ, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Russ’ application. Upon review of Dr. Russ’ Core Program Requirements, the Committee noted that “Multicultural Counseling (Psyc 8723) may not meet the statutory requirements for Individual Differences and that “Tests and Measurements (Psyc 6315), Psychology and Social Change (Psyc 8700), and Advanced Psychological Testing (Psych 8361)” may not meet the statutory requirements for Treatment Modalities. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Russ provide an explanation of how the above noted courses meet the statutory requirement and to provide his syllabi for the above mentioned courses in order to determine whether the courses meet the statutory requirement for Individual Differences and Treatment Modalities.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of James Christensen, Psy.D. and Nicole Cooper Lopez, 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 R. Russ, Ph.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential

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

Rena Szabo, Psy.D., NRHSPP - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Szabo'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. Szabo'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 applications of Richard Harig, Ph.D., CPQ and Rena Szabo, Psy.D., NRHSPP 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 Supervised Professional Experience Hours and Licensure

Kimberly Bernazzani, Psy.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bernazzani's application and subsequent submission. Upon review of Dr. Bernazzani's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Marana Unified School District, the Committee noted that her supervisor, John Berkman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Bernazzani completed a total of 1,500 postdoctoral experience hours. Upon reviewing Dr. Berkman's subsequent calculations, it was noted that Dr. Bernazzani accumulated a total of 72 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision and that Dr. Bernazzani accumulated a total of 380 hours of direct client contact hours. At this time, Dr. Bernazzani is deficient in the total number of individual, face-to-face hours and direct client contact hours for her postdoctoral professional psychology experience which does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(5).

HaNa Kim, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kim's application and subsequent submission. Upon review of Dr. Kim's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Tripler Army Medical Center, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Dr. Kathleen Brown, indicated that Dr. Kim completed a total of 2,360 postdoctoral experience hours. Upon reviewing Dr. Brown's subsequent calculations, it was noted that Dr. Kim accumulated a total of 96 hours of individual, face to face supervision. At this time, Dr. Kim is deficient in the total number of individual, face- to-face hours for her postdoctoral professional psychology experience which does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(5).

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

Roswitha Saenz, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Saenz'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. Saenz'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 Benjamin Richter, Psy.D. and Roswitha Saenz, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and to issue RAID letters to Kimberly Bernazzani, Psy.D. and HaNa Kim, Ph.D. The motion carried (2-0).

5. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Behavior Analyst Licensure by Experience:

Anne Castello, M.S.,Ed. BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Castello’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. Castello’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 Anne Castello, M.S., 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).

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Mellott requested that an item be placed on a future Board agenda regarding the postdoctoral supervision.

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 8:32 a.m.

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