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Application Review Committee

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MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

January 8, 2013

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 Chairman Wechsler at 7:30 a.m. on January 8, 2013. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Chair
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Cindy Olvey, Psy.D., - Executive Director
Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

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**3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS
Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) Only**

Nicole Degomez, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Degomez's application. Upon review of Dr. Degomez's Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience form from the ADHD Clinic of Flagstaff, the Committee noted that Dr. Degomez's supervisor, Heather Nash, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Degomez worked 3-40 hours per week for 65 weeks. Dr. Nash's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Degomez received 100.4 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision and 647.5 hours of direct client contact which may not fulfill the requirements of §A.R.S. 32-2071(F)(6). At this time, it is unclear how many hours of supervision Dr. Degomez received per week. The Committee is requesting additional information confirming that Dr. Degomez received one hour of face-to-face, individual supervision for each twenty hours of experience during her internship. Additionally, the

Committee noted that on the Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form, Dr. Nash answered question #4 “NO”. The Committee noted that question #17 of Dr. Degomez’s “intern training agreement” indicates that the internship was part of the Arizona Training Consortium. The Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Degomez’s internship was APPIC approved.

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

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

Dr. Bohankse made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the applications of Heather McDermott, Psy.D. and Tricia Merkley, Ph.D. to the full Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and to issue a RAID letter to Nicole Degomez, Ph.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

Julie Albery, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Albery’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. Albery’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.

Rebecca Blood, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Blood’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. Blood’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.

Madina Boyd, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Boyd’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. Boyd’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.

Rhonda Casillas, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Casillas’ 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. Casillas’ 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.

Nancy Hagener, Psy.D. – Dr. Wechsler recused himself from this item, therefore the matter was moved to the full Board for review due to lack of a quorum.

Erin Honke, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Honke’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. Honke’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.

Hyejeen Lee, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lee’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Lee submitted her Korea passport, her Visa (expiration date 8/31/2012) and her Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status (expiration date 8/31/2012) as proof of citizenship which may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §1-501. The Committee is requesting clarification whether Dr. Lee intends to apply for a United States work Visa or other United States Nationality status. The Committee advised that pursuant to A.R.S. § 1-501 Arizona requires an applicant for licensure to submit documentation that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States.

Ruxandra LeMay, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lemay’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. Lemay’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.

Richard Phenis, Psy.D. – Dr. Wechsler recused himself from this item, therefore the matter was moved to the full Board for review due to lack of a quorum.

Nicole Pondell, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pondell’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. Pondell’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 proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Terrell’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Terrell’s degree will not be conferred until January 31, 2013; otherwise, the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Terrell’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 her official transcript reflecting that her degree has been conferred.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the applications of Julie Alberty, Ph.D., Rebecca Blood, Ph.D., Madina Boyd, Ph.D., Rhonda Casillas, Ph.D., Erin Honke, Psy.D., Ruxandra LeMay, Psy.D. and Nicole Pondell, 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, to issue a RAID letter to Hyejeen Lee, Ph.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in her application, to forward the applications of Nancy Hagener, Psy.D. and Richard Phenis, Psy.D. to the full Board for review due to lack of a quorum and to forward the application of Donna Terrell, 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 pending receipt of her official transcript reflecting that her doctorate degree is conferred. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

Brandy Baker, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Baker’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. Baker’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 and subsequent submissions. Upon review of Dr. Russ’ Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience form from Dr. Bushman and Dr. Plevell’s offices, the Committee noted that Dr. Russ’ internship may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(9) and R4-26-2610(A)(7). At this time, the Committee is requesting additional information that Dr. Russ’ internship was an organized training program. Further, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Russ submit his written training plan from his internship. Additionally, On Page 6 of the application, question #26, Dr. Russ indicated that the official title of his doctoral degree program or predoctoral specialty area is “counseling psychology”. The Committee noted that on page 7 of the application, questions #s 32 and 33, Dr. Russ indicated that his areas of competence and intended area of professional practice is “counseling/clinical psychology”. Furthermore, the Committee noted that Dr. Russ’ internship supervisor, Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., also submitted a reference form. On the reference form Dr. Bushman indicated on question #1 that his relationship with Dr. Russ can be described as “colleague, employer and supervisor”. It was the consensus of the Committee that Dr. Bushman be contacted for clarification regarding his relationship with Dr. Russ while he was Dr. Russ’ internship supervisor. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward Dr. Russ’ application to the full Board for possible denial for the deficiencies noted in his application.

Matthew Van Schoick, Psy.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Van Schoick’s application. Upon review of Dr. Van Schoick’s Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience form from Whittier College Student Counseling Center, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Rebecca Eberle-Romberger, Psy.D., answered “No” to question #20, which may not fulfill the requirements of §A.R.S. 32-2071(F)(6). At this time, the Committee is requesting additional information that Dr. Van Schoick received one hour of face-to-face, individual supervision for each twenty hours of experience during his internship. Additionally, the Committee noted that the explanation attached for question #20 was not signed by his supervisor. Upon review of Dr. Van Schoick’s Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience form from the Youth Reporting Center, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Andrew Hadden, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Van Schoick received a total of 981 hours of experience. Dr. Hadden’s subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Van Schoick worked 24 hours a week for 47 weeks. The Committee noted that 24 hours a week for 47 weeks total 1,128 hours. Additionally, the Committee noted that the “Verification of Experience Form” from the California Board of Psychology indicates that Dr. Van Schoick worked 21 hours per week at the Youth Reporting Center. At this time, the Committee is requesting clarification as to how many hours of experience Dr. Van Schoick received for his internship at the Youth Reporting Center. Additionally, upon review of Dr. Van Schoick’s Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Robin Scholefield, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Van Schoick worked 22.5 hours a week for 7 weeks for a total of 142.5 hours. The Committee determined that if Dr. Van Schoick worked 22.5 hours a week for 7 weeks he would have worked a total of 157.5 hours. At this time the Committee is requesting clarification as to how many hours Dr. Van Schoick worked.

Christina Whalen, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Whalen's application and subsequent submissions. Upon review of Dr. Whalen's application the Committee noted that Dr. Whalen's doctoral degree program in Experimental Psychology does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(A) as "an applied psychology" degree. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward Dr. Whalen's application to the full Board for denial due to the fact that her degree does not meet statutory requirements as noted above.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the application of Brandy Baker, Psy.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee, to issue a RAID letter to Mathew Van Schoick, Psy.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application, to issue a SRAID to R. Russ, Ph.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application and to forward R. Russ' application to the full Board with a recommendation of possible denial regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application and to forward the application of Christina Whalen, Ph.D. to the full Board with a recommendation of denial for the deficiencies discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential

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

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

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the applications of Jessica Chasnoff, Psy.D., CPQ and Christian Komor, 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

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

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the application of Shira Fass, 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).

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Behavior Analyst Licensure by Experience:

Kellie Bynum, M.Ed. BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Bynum’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. Bynum’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-BC, BCBA – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Walsh’s application and subsequent submissions. 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(D). At this time, the Committee is requesting additional information regarding Ms. Walsh’s supervised work experience or independent fieldwork hours, specifically, the frequency in which Ms. Walsh was observed. The Committee is requesting clarification regarding how Ms. Walsh was observed while obtaining supervision, at a minimum, of once every two weeks with Mr. Blocher-Rubin, MBA, during her supervised work experience or independent field work. In addition, the Committee is requesting clarification regarding how Ms. Walsh obtained direct one-to-one contact with Mr. Blocher-Rubin during her supervised work experience or independent field work.

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

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the applications of Kellie Bynum, M.Ed., BCBA, and Alissa Willey-Sperry, M.Ed., BCBA, to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and to issue a SRAID to Kathleen Walsh, M.Ed., MT-BC, BCBA, regarding the deficiencies discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NANCY HAGENER, PSY.D. SUBMISSION OF HER STUDY PLAN

Dr. Wechsler recused himself from this item, therefore the matter was moved to the full Board for review due to lack of a quorum.

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. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

**Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP - Chair
Application Review Committee**