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MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

June 3, 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 Madam Chair Mellott at 7:32 a.m. on June 3, 2013. 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

Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

Attorney General

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3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLGY APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) Only

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

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

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Jessica Promisson, Psy.D., and Rhea Racaza, Psy.D., to the full Board for approval to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

Phillip Dang, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Dang'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. Dang'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.

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.

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

Kristen Lilly, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lilly'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. 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.

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

Jason Norlien, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Norlien's application. Upon review of Dr. Norlien's Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from Bethel University Counseling Center, Dr. Norlien's Associate Director of Training, Jim Theisen, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Norlien worked 15-20 hours per week. Dr. Theisen's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Norlien received a total of 26 hours of individual supervision which may not meet the statutory requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). At this time, Dr. Norlien is 9 hours deficient in meeting the individual supervision. Upon review of Dr. Norlien's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Eisenhower Army Medical Center, the Committee noted that Dr. Norlien's Program Director, Derek Oliver, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Norlien worked 40-45 hours per week. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H) the Committee can only accept 40 hours per week of postdoctoral supervision. Additionally, Dr. Oliver indicated that Dr. Norlien obtained 745.5 hours of experience. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Norlien received 195 hours of direct client contact hours which may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time, Dr. Norlien is 103 hours deficient in direct client contact. Furthermore, the Committee noted that

Page 2 of the postdoctoral verification form was not completed. The Committee is requesting that page be completed.

David Shwalb, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Shwalb’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. Shwalb’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.

Konstantinos Thomopoulos, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Thomopoulos’ application. The Committee noted that on the application Dr. Thomopoulos attached an explanation regarding 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?*” The Committee is requesting that Dr. Thomopoulos submit additional information regarding the citation, including but not limited to: Presentence reports, Any Orders from the Court regarding his charge, all records including police reports and disposition of his charge.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Phillip Dang, Psy.D., Brandy Gardner, Psy.D., Ruxandra LeMay, Psy.D., Kristen Lilly, Ph.D., and David Shwalb, 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 move the application of Robert Mastikian, Psy.D., to the full Board for review due to lack of a quorum, and to issue RAID letters to Jason Norlien, Psy.D., and Konstantinos Thomopoulos, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

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

Katie Eklund, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Eklund’s application. Upon review of Dr. Eklund’s Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience form from Fountain Fort Carson Schools, the Committee noted that Dr. Eklund’s supervisor, Dr. Brian Printz, answered “no” to question #26 “*Did the training program include interaction with other psychology trainees?*” which may not fulfill the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(7). At this time, the Committee is requesting additional information that Dr. Eklund’s internship included interaction with other psychology trainees.

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

Rosemary McHugh, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. McHugh’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards denied Dr. McHugh’s application for a Certificate of Professional

Qualifications due to her residency did not meet requirements. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. McHugh's application to the full Board for further review.

Margaret O'Connor, Ed.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. O'Connor's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that on the application Dr. O'Connor answered "yes" to question #22 "*Have you ever been involuntarily terminated or have you resigned in lieu of termination from any psychological or behavioral health position or related employment?*" The Committee is requesting that a letter be sent directly to the Board office from the Chief Executive Officers of Southwest Behavioral Health and from Clackamas County Mental Health regarding the circumstances of Dr. O'Connor's termination. Additionally, the Committee is requesting that letters be sent directly to the Board office from Dr. O'Connor's supervisors at Southwest Behavioral Health and from Clackamas County Mental Health attesting to her clinical abilities.

Sharon Perugini, Ph.D., Ed.S. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Perugini's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Perugini's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Children's Hospital Los Angeles, her supervisor, Sara Sherer, Ph.D. indicated that Dr. Perugini completed a total of 4,160 hours of experience from September 2009, to September 2011. Dr. Sherer's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Perugini worked 40 hours per week for 104 weeks and received 208 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision and obtained 1,976 hours of direct client contact. At this time and pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5), the Board is requesting clarification as to how many hours Dr. Perugini received of individual, face-to-face supervision and how many hours she obtained of direct client contact for the first 1,500 hours of her postdoctoral experience.

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

Nikol Stancato, Psy.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Stancato's application. Upon review of Dr. Stancato's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Cold Spring Hills Nursing, Rehab, and Adult Day Care Center, her supervisor, Lynn Seskin, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Stancato completed a total of 2,000 hours of experience from September 2010, to February 2012. Dr. Seskin's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Stancato worked 40+ hours per week for 72 weeks and received 144 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision and obtained 1,800 hours of direct client contact. The Committee noted that 40 hours per week for 72 weeks totals 2,880 hours. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H) the Committee can only accept 40 hours of work per week. At this time and pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5), the Board is requesting clarification as to how many hours Dr. Stancato received of individual, face-to-face supervision and how many hours she obtained of direct client contact for the first 1,500 hours of her postdoctoral experience.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Anne Bowen, Ph.D., Bong Joo Hwang, Ph.D. and Bradley Robison, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee, to issue RAID letters to Katie Eklund, Ph.D., Margaret O'Connor, Ed.D., Sharon Perugini, Ph.D., Ed.S., and Nikol Stancato, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications and to forward the application of Rosemary McHugh, Ph.D., to the full Board for further review and possible denial. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential

Robert Schwartz, NRHSPP – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Schwartz’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. Schwartz’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 Matthew Meier, 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. 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. Bernazzani’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 Kimberly Bernazzani, Psy.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, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience

Monica Bernaldo, M.A. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Bernaldo’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. Bernaldo’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Rebecca Burden, M.S. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Burden’s application. Upon review of Ms. Burden’s Supervised Work Experience or Independent Fieldwork Verification form from In-Home Programs at Clients Home, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Rebecca Watson, answered “no” to question #4 “*For supervised work experience, did the supervisor observe the applicant engaging in behavior analytic activities in the natural environment at least once every two weeks?*” which may not fulfill the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2091.03(D). At this time, the Committee is requesting additional information regarding Ms. Burden’s supervised work experience or independent fieldwork hours. The Committee is requesting clarification regarding how Ms. Burden was observed while obtaining supervision, at a minimum, of once every two weeks with Ms. Watson, during her supervised work experience or independent field work. Upon review of Ms. Burden’s Supervised Work Experience or Independent Fieldwork Verification form from STARS School, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Pamela Osnes, indicated that Ms. Burden received 1,500 hours of experience from June 2, 2008 to June 30, 2008. The Committee noted that in order to obtain 1,500 hours of experience in 27 days an individual would have to work 55.5 hours a day. Pursuant to A.R.S.

§32-2091.03(A)(2) the Committee can only accept 30 hours of experience worked per week. Upon review of Ms. Burden's Supervised Work Experience or Independent Fieldwork Verification form from STE Consultants LLC, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Lauren Wasno, answered "no" to question #3. c. *"Did work experience or fieldwork include the following: Overseeing the implementation of behavior analysis programs for clients."* Which may not fulfill the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2019.03(B)(2)(3). At this the Committee is requesting additional information regarding Ms. Burden's supervised work experience or independent fieldwork hours. The Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Ms. Burden's supervised work experience consisted of overseeing the implementation of behavior analysis programs for clients.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Kimberly Bernazzani, 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 Rebecca Burden, M.S. regarding the deficiencies discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NUMBER OF SUPERVISED HOURS NEEDED TO MEET LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR KATHLEEN WALSH, APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE AS A BEHAVIOR ANALYST

Upon review of Ms. Walsh's supervised hours she submitted as part of her application for licensure as a behavior analyst, the Committee determined that 693.75 hours of her supervised experience (including supervision) meets the statutory requirement. It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend approval of those hours and to allow Ms. Walsh to keep your application while completing the remaining supervision hours open to the full Board.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward Ms. Walsh's supervision hours to the full Board for approval and to allow Ms. Walsh to keep her application open while completing the remaining supervision hours. The motion carried (2-0).

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no 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 8:40 a.m.

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