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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**July 9, 2013**

**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 Madam Chair Mellott at 7:30 a.m. on July 9, 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**

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

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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 30, 2013 and June 3, 2013, Regular Session Minutes**

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve the April 30, 2013 and the June 3, 2013, Regular Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried 2-0.

**4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLGY APPLICANTS**

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

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

Judith Browne, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Browne's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that on Dr. Browne's internship verification form, the internship site was left blank. The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Browne. The Committee noted that otherwise the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Browne's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP upon receipt of the requested information.

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

Sarah Petty, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Petty'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. Petty'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 Heather Brister, Ph.D., Jason Norlien, Psy.D., and Sarah Petty, Psy.D., to the full Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and to forward the application of Judith Browne, Psy.D., to full Board for approval to sit for the EPPP upon receipt of the information discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

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

Lori Aman, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Aman's application. Upon review of Dr. Aman's Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from Westside Social Services, the Committee noted that Dr. Aman's supervisor, Dr. L. Loreen Fox-Shipley, Ph.D., did not answer questions #25-27. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Aman provided her internship quarterly report for 3/1/1998-5/30/1998. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Aman submit **all** of her quarterly reports from her internship. The Committee noted that the quarterly report does not indicate whether Dr. Aman had interaction with other interns during her internship which may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(7). At this time, the Committee is requesting that questions #25-27 be completed and clarification that Dr. Aman's internship included interaction with other psychology trainees.

Sarah Burger, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Burger'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. Burger'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.

Ernesto Caraveo, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Caraveo'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. Caraveo'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.

Steven Caruso, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Caruso’s application. Upon review of Dr. Caruso’s Core Program Requirements, the Committee noted that “Spousal Abuse” (CP 834) may not meet the statutory requirements for Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology and that “History and Systems of Psychology” (CP 700), may not meet the statutory requirements of The Social Basis of Behavior. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Caruso provide an explanation of how the above noted courses meet the statutory requirement and provide his syllabi for the above mentioned courses in order to determine whether the courses meets the statutory requirement for Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology and The Social Basis of Behavior. Additionally, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4) and Arizona Administrative Code R4-26-202(C), Dr. Caruso has the option to provide evidence that his Comprehensive Exam included ethics to meet the statutory requirement in lieu of submitting his syllabi.

ClaireMarie Clark, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Clarks’s application. Upon review of Dr. Clark’s Core Program Requirements, the Committee noted that “Prevention, Advocacy & Supervision” (Pres 6120), “Advanced Clinical Skills: Child Abuse, Assessment ((Pres 2257) and “Advanced Clinical Skills: Spousal Abuse, Assessment” (PTCP 2258) may not meet the statutory requirements for Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Clark provide an explanation of how the above noted courses meet the statutory requirement and to provide her syllabi for the above mentioned courses in order to determine whether the courses meets the statutory requirement for Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards in Psychology. Additionally, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4) and Arizona Administrative Code R4-26-202(C), Dr. Clark has the option to provide evidence that her Comprehensive Exam included ethics to meet the statutory requirement in lieu of providing her syllabi. Upon review of Dr. Clark’s Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from Community Health Awareness Council, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Stewart Kiritz, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Clark received a total of 1,973 hours. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Clark received 1,973 hours of direct client contact hours. Question #6 on the internship verification form was not completed. Additionally, Dr. Clark’s delegated supervisor for her internship did not sign her internship supervision agreement. At this time, the Committee is requesting that question #6 be completed. The Committee is requesting clarification as to how Dr. Clark received 1,973 hours of direct client contact when she indicated her total internship hours are 1,973. Additionally, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Clark submit a supervision agreement that is signed by her supervisor.

Stephanie Evans, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Evans’ 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. Evans’ 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.

Krista Hanson, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hanson’s application. Upon review of Dr. Hanson’s Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Barrow Neurological Institute, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, the Committee noted that her supervisor, George Prigatano, Ph.D., indicated Dr. Hanson completed a total of 1,184.45 postdoctoral experience hours. Upon reviewing his subsequent calculations, it was noted that Dr. Hanson accumulated a total of 397.5 hours of direct client contact hours which does not meet the statutory requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(5). The Committee noted that if Dr. Hanson has 1,184.45 postdoctoral hours she would need 473.78

hours of direct client contact hours to meet the statutory requirement (40% of total postdoctoral hours).

Janna Kautz, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kautz’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. Kautz’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.

Tanisha Maxwell, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Maxwell’s application. Upon review of Dr. Maxwell’s Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from Arizona State University/Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office Behavioral Health Services Unit, the Committee noted that her Training Director, Sharon Robinson Kurpius, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Maxwell worked 20 hours per week. Dr. Robinson Kurpius’ subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Maxwell received 50 hours of individual supervision which does not meet the statutory requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(C). At this time, Dr. Maxwell is deficient in meeting the individual supervision requirement. Dr. Maxwell may wish to submit additional preinternship or postdoctoral experiences to meet the 3,000 hour supervised professional experience requirement.

Rosalinda Reyes, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Reyes’ application. Upon review of Dr. Reyes’ application, the Committee noted that she answered question #29 b, on page 7 of the application incorrectly in that she listed 2,000 hours of additional internship experience hours (beyond the required 1,500 hours) and 1,000 hours of postdoctoral experience hours. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Reyes specify the exact number of hours she wishes to use toward licensure. In addition, the Committee noted that question #35 on Pages 8 & 9 does not include the starting and ending dates for her professional experiences in psychology. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Maxwell list the starting and ending dates. Upon review of Dr. Reyes’ Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience form from Tripler Army Medical Center, the Committee noted that Dr. Reyes accumulated 2,000 hours of experience for one to two months between October 2011 - November 2011 which does not meet the statutory requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(H). At this time, the Committee is requesting a letter from Dr. O’Leary verifying the hours indicated on the internship form are correct. Upon review of Dr. Reyes’ Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Tripler Army Medical Center, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Brian O’Leary, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Reyes received 1,120 hours of postdoctoral experience. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Reyes received 1,120 hours of direct client contact and 60 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which totals 1,200 hours. The Committee noted that 1,200 hours equals more than Dr. Reyes’ total hours of experience. At this time, the Committee is requesting a letter from Dr. O’Leary verifying the hours indicated on the postdoctoral form are correct.

Konstantinos Thomopoulos, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Thomopoulos’ 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. Thomopoulos’ 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.

Marcee Turner, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Turner’s application. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Turner’s application to the full Board for further review of Dr. Turner’s postdoctoral experience hours.

Charles Williams, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Williams' application. Upon review of Dr. Williams' transcript from Tennessee State University, the Committee noted that his degree has not been conferred. In addition the Committee noted that Dr. Williams' submitted postdoctoral experience to meet the 3,000 hour supervised experience requirement. At this time, the Committee is requesting documentation from Dr. Williams' graduate institution regarding the date he completed the requirements for his doctoral degree. In addition, the Committee is requesting the specific day Dr. Williams began his postdoctoral experience.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Sarah Burger, Ph.D., Ernesto Caraveo, Psy.D., Stephanie Evans, Ph.D., Janna Kautz, Ph.D., and Konstantinos Thomopoulos, 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 move the application of Marcee Turner, Ph.D., to the full Board for review of her professional postdoctoral hours, and to issue RAID letters to Lori Aman, Ph.D., Steven Caruso, Ph.D., ClaireMarie Clark, Ph.D., Krista Hanson, Ph.D., Tanisha Maxwell, Ph.D., Rosalinda Reyes, Ph.D., Zoila Rovar-Blank, Ph.D., and Charles Williams, Ph.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

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

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

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

Susan Proebsting, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Proebsting's application. Upon review of Dr. Proebsting's application, the Committee noted that she did not provide work history from June 2000 to the present. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Proebsting provide an explanation as to the status of her employment for the last 13 years. Upon review of Dr. Proebsting's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Counseling Service, University of the South, the Committee noted that Dr. Proebsting's supervisor, David Spaulding, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Proebsting received 1,388 hours of postdoctoral experience. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Proebsting received 1,260 hours of direct client contact. At this time the Committee is requesting that Dr. Proebsting and her supervisor, Dr. Spaulding, affirm that the direct client contact hours are correct. Upon review of Dr. Proebsting's Reference Letters from David Spaulding, Ph.D. and Davis Smith, Ph.D., the Committee noted the approximate dates of Dr. Proebsting's relationship with Dr. Spaulding was 8/1999- 6/2000 and that the approximate dates of her relationship with Davis Smith, Ph.D., was 8/1999 – 12-1999 which may not meet the requirement of A.A.C. R4-26-203(A)(27). At this time, the Committee is requesting more recent references. If more recent references are not available the Committee is requesting an explanation.

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

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

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

Juli Vierthaler, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Vierthaler'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. Vierthaler'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 Katie Eklund, Ph.D., Sharon Perugini, Ph.D., Ann Sartori, Psy.D., Nader Siahdohoni, Ph.D., Nikol Stancato, Psy.D., and Juli Vierthaler, 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 Susan Proebsting, Ph.D., regarding the deficiency discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

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

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

Sarah Stookey, Ph.D., NRHSPP – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Stookey'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. Stookey'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 Christopher Braley, Psy.D., CPQ, and Sarah Stookey, Ph.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**

Laruen 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 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 Lauren Koep, 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).

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS**

**Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience**

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

Travis Heth, M.A. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Mr. Heth's application. Upon review of Mr. Heth's transcript from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Committee noted that the date of his Masters degree was not listed on his transcript which may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2091.03(A)(1). At this time, the Committee is requesting that Mr. Heth's official transcript from his graduate institution verifying the date his Master's degree was awarded be sent directly to the Board office.

Sharon Robinson, M.S. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Robinson'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. Robinson's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Katrina Warriner, M.C. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Warriner'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. Warriner'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 Fernando Armendariz, Ph.D., Sharon Robinson, M.S. and Katrina Warriner, M.C., 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 Travis Heth, M.A. regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application. The motion carried (2-0).

**6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee directed Board staff to place items pertaining to online license verifications and postdoctoral experience hours on a future Board agenda.

**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 8:47 a.m.

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