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Application Review Committee

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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**October 1, 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 Chairman Wechsler at 7:31 a.m. on October 1, 2013. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Chair  
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN

**Staff Present**

Cindy Olvey – Executive Director  
Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

**Attorney General**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 3, 2013, Regular Session Minutes**

Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve the September 3, 2013, 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) Only**

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

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the application of Emery Mahoney, Ph.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**

ClaireMarie Clark, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Clark's application and subsequent submission. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Clark's application to the full Board for further review of her course work and Comprehensive Exam pertaining to the Ethics requirement.

Brandy Gardner, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gardner'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. 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.

Deborah Gladding, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gladding'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. Gladding'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.

Krista Hernandez, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hernandez's application. Upon review of her 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. Hernandez counted 1,000 hours of postdoctoral experience and worked 40 hours per week for 42 weeks. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Hernandez received 42 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. O'Leary answered "no" to question 4 of the Postdoctoral Verification form which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time, Dr. Hernandez is 42 hours deficient in individual face-to-face supervision. Dr. Hernandez may submit additional preinternship experience to meet the 3,000 hour requirement.

Marlee Hoffman, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hoffman's application and subsequent submission. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from PREHAB DBMCC, the Committee noted that her supervisor, William Jenkins, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Hoffman worked forty hours per week for 38 weeks and received a total of 151 hours of individual face-to-face supervision. Although the internship training agreement states that an intern will receive a minimum of one hour per 20 hours worked per week of individual face-to-face supervision, the Committee noted that Dr. Hoffman received an average of 4 hours per week of individual face-to-face supervision. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Hoffman's supervision logs indicate that she received up to 6 hours of individual face-to-face supervision some weeks. The Committee is requesting clarification or confirmation from Dr. Hoffman and Dr. Jenkins as to the amount of individual face-to-face supervision she received and to the variation of individual face-to-face supervision she received per week.

Melissa Huie Evans, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Huie’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. Huie’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.

Susan Lachica, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lachica’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. Lachica’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 reapplication. 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 reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Linda Salvucci, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Salvucci’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. Salvucci’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.

Dina Shacknai, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Shacknai’s application. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification forms from Melmed Center, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Janet Chao, Ed.D., submitted a postdoctoral verification form that was received by the Board office on October 10, 2010, in which she indicates that Dr. Shacknai’s postdoctoral experience began in February 2006 through May 2010. Dr. Chao provided an explanation stating that Dr. Shacknai’s postdoctoral supervision was not completed over 36 consecutive months. The Committee noted that Dr. Shacknai subsequently responded to a request for additional information regarding her postdoctoral experience on May 27, 2011, and stated that her postdoctoral experience was completed within 36 consecutive months beginning in August 2006 through August 2009. Because of the discrepancies in these two documents, the Committee is requesting clarification or confirmation from Dr. Shacknai and Dr. Chao that she completed 1,500 hours of postdoctoral supervision within 36 consecutive months along with the appropriate individual face-to-face supervision and direct client contact. Additionally, the Committee noted that on page 9 of Dr. Shacknai’s application she indicated that her title was “pre doctoral candidate” which violates Arizona Administrative Code R4-26-303.

Shelley Wolfe, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Wolfe’s application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Las Cruces Mental Health Center, the Committee noted that her Supervisor, Hugh Hammant, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Wolfe worked 40 hours per week for 52 weeks. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Wolfe received a total of 1,500 hours. The Committee noted that 40 hours per week for 52 weeks totals 2,080 hours. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Wolfe received 75 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time, the Committee is requesting clarification as to Dr. Wolfe’s total number of postdoctoral experience hours. If Dr. Wolfe received a total of 2,080 hours of postdoctoral experience then she is 29 hours deficient in individual face-to-face supervision.

David Yee, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Yee’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. Yee’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. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the applications of Brandy Gardner, Psy.D., Deborah Gladding, Psy.D., Melissa Huie Evans, Psy.D., Susan Lachica, Psy.D., Sue Moler, Psy.D., Linda Salvucci, Psy.D., and David Yee, 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 RAID letters to Krista Hernandez, Psy.D., Dina Shacknai, Psy.D., and Shelley Wolfe, Psy.D., to issue a SRAID letter to Marlee Hoffman, Ph.D., and to move ClaireMarie Clark’s application to the full Board regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

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

Valerie Gold-Neil, Ed.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gold-Neil’s application. Upon review of her application, the Committee noted that in 2002, her psychology license (PSY 12628) was subject to disciplinary action by the California Board of Psychology. The Committee requested that any and all documentation pertaining to her disciplinary action be submitted to the Board office for further review.

Margaret O’Connor, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. O’Connor’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. O’Connor’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 and subsequent submission. Upon review of her application and supplemental information, the Committee noted that she has not worked in the psychology field for the last 13 years. The Committee is requesting clarification as to how she has maintained her knowledge of the psychology profession.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the application of Margaret O’Connor, Ph.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 Valerie Gold-Neil, Ed.D., and to issue a SRAID letter to Susan Proebsting, Ph.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

### **Requesting Approval of Supervised Professional Experience Hours and Licensure**

Heather Brister, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Brister’s application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from VA Health Care System, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Nadine Cole, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Brister worked 40 hours per week for 48 weeks. Her subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Brister received a total of 1,383 postdoctoral experience hours. The Committee noted that if Dr. Brister worked 40 hours per week for 48 weeks she would have received a total of 1,920 postdoctoral experience hours. Additionally, the Committee noted that she obtained 514 hours of direct client contact which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). Furthermore, the Committee noted that she received 353 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which indicates she received approximately 7 hours of individual face-to-face supervision per week. The Committee is requesting clarification regarding how many hours of

postdoctoral experience she received and how many hours of individual face-to-face supervision she received.

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

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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Jason Norlien, Psy.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Norlien's application. Upon review of his Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Eisenhower Army Medical Center, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Derek Oliver, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Norlien worked 40 hours per week for 33 weeks. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Norlien received a total of 1,296 postdoctoral experience hours. The Committee noted that if Dr. Norlien worked 40 hours per week for 33 weeks he would have received a total of 1,320 postdoctoral experience hours. Additionally, the Committee noted that he received 111 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which indicates he received approximately 3-4 hours of individual face-to-face supervision per week. The Committee is requesting clarification regarding how many hours of postdoctoral experience Dr. Norlien received and how many hours of individual face-to-face supervision he received.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the applications of Ricca Klein, Psy.D. and Tricia Merkley, 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 Heather Brister, Ph.D. and Jason Norlien Psy.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

## **5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no items for future meetings.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

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