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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

**December 7, 2010
7:30 a.m.**

1400 West Washington
Suite #235
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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 7:35 a.m. on December 7, 2010. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. - Chairperson

John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Meghan B. Hinckley – Deputy Director

Attorney General

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS – Dr. Mellott

Requesting Approval for Examination

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

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Carmen Lucia, Psy.D. to the full Board to the full Board for review and approval to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval for Examination & Licensure

Jeremy D. Bartz, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bartz' 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. Bartz' application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Shira Fass, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Fass' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Fass listed *PSYCH: Physiological Psychology (1981-1982)* and *PSYCH: Perception (1982-1983)* in the Biological Basis of Behavior core content area, which did not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(4)(c) as the coursework was completed during her undergraduate degree. Thus, Dr. Fass was deficient 3 semester credits, or the equivalent, in the Biological Basis of Behavior core content area. Secondly, upon review of the Supervised Pre-internship Experience Verification form, the Committee noted that Dr. Weinstock was not licensed or certified to practice psychology at the independent level by a licensing jurisdiction of the United States or Canada, therefore the hours of experience accrued at **Arad Psychological Services** does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(E)(4)(d). Lastly, upon review of the Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification forms from the internship hours accrued at the **Tucson Vet Center** (*January 2009 – May 2010*), Dr. Mroczeck calculated your total number of direct client contact hours as 209, which is less than 25%, spent in direct client contact and does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(5). In addition, Dr. Haynes the total number of individual, face-to-face supervision hours as 50, which does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(6). The Committee recommended issuing Dr. Fass a Request for Additional Information and Documentation (RAID) in order to clarify the discrepancies in her application.

Kim Feinstein, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Feinstein's application. Upon review, the Committee requested further documentation regarding Dr. Feinstein's investigation with the law in 1994, to include any charge documents and the final resolution paperwork. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue Dr. Feinstein a RAID letter requesting these documents.

Katharine Pierce, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pierce'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. Pierce's application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dina Shacknai, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Shacknai's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Shacknai's Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from **Melmed Centers**, indicated, and Dr. Chao verified, that her internship experience occurred from "02/2006 – present" which does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(10). In addition Dr. Shacknai's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form, from **Melmed Centers** indicated, and Dr. Chao verified, that her postdoctoral experience occurred from "02/2006 – present 2010" which does not fulfill the thirty six month completion requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(6). In addition, both verification forms indicated that Dr. Shacknai was accruing postdoctoral supervision experience simultaneously with internship supervision hours (02/2006 – present). Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2071(G), postdoctoral supervision hours cannot be accrued until after written conferral of the applicant's graduate degree and completion of

internship supervision hours as described by A.R.S. §32-2071(F). It was the consensus of the Committee to issue Dr. Shacknai a RAID letter requesting clarification of the deficiencies.

Codi Schale, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Schale'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. Schale's application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Erin South, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. South's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that on Dr. South's Supervised Pre-internship Experience Verification form, Dr. Marshall indicated in question #10, page 3, "Please indicate the percent of supervision provided by a licensed psychologist" to which he answered "100%" of your supervision was with a licensed psychologist. However, Dr. South indicated on her Supervised Pre-internship Experience Verification from **Beethoven Student Health Center** (*PP6201 – Fall 2003, PP6202 – Spring 2004 & PP8207 – Summer 2004*), that Edwin Johnson, MSW, LCSW, a licensed mental health professional, also provided supervision during this experience. In addition, the Supervised Pre-internship Experience Verification from **Learning Diagnostics** (*PP8201 – Fall 2004, PP8202 – Spring & PP8207 – Summer 2005*), indicated supervision was provided by Cherie Laaperi, Ph.D., a Psychoeducational Diagnostician. The verification form does not indicate Dr. Laaperi is a licensed mental health professional and therefore, supervision provided by this individual does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(E)(4)(d).). It was the consensus of the Committee to issue Dr. South a RAID letter requesting clarification of the aforementioned issues.

Lynda Vaterlaus, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Vaterlaus' 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. Vaterlaus' application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Jonnie K. White-Arnold, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. White-Arnold'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. White-Arnold's re-application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Jeremy D. Bartz, Ph.D., Katharine Pierce, Ph.D., Codi Schale, Ph.D., Lynda Vaterlaus, Psy.D., and Jonnie K. White-Arnold, Psy.D., to the full Board to the full Board for review and approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon the receipt of a passing score on the exam. The motion carried (2-0).

Dr. Mellott then made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to issue Shira Fass, Ph.D., Kim Feinstein, Psy.D., Dina Shacknai, Psy.D., and Erin South, Psy.D. each a Request for Additional Information and Documentation regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Postdoctoral Experience & Licensure

Kevin Hurley, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hurley's postdoctoral hours. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the application of Kevin Hurley, Psy.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure. The motion carried (2-0).

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS – Dr. Mellott

Requesting Licensure by Certification

Having substantively reviewed all the applications, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the following applications to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated license fee. The motion carried (2-0):

Erica Babino, M. Ed., BCBA
Aaron Blocher-Rubin, BCBA
Andrew Gardner, Ph.D., BCBA
Joseph Gentry, Ph.D., BCBA
Jennifer Johnson, M.S., BCBA
Erin Lombard, M.A., BCBA
Susan Marks, Ph.D., BCBA
Kari Noelle Nahgahgwon, Ph.D., BCBA
Daniel Openden, Ph.D., BCBA
Leighssa Pearson-Dobrosky, M.A., BCBA
Jessica Reese, M.Ed., BCBA
Donald Stenhoff, Ph.D., BCBA
Kelle Witt, M.S., BCBA

Requesting Licensure by Experience

Dr. DiBacco reported that pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2091.05, behavior analyst applicants within this category "must pass an exam by a nationally recognized behavior analyst certification board as determined by the Board." Dr. Dibacco noted that the Board has already adopted recognition of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board as the nationally recognized board. However, the applicants being review failed to provide proof of passing a nationally recognized exam. Ms. Galvin noted that the Board does have the authority to seek verification of passing the nationally recognized exam. Ms. Galvin stated that this matter would be within the purview of the full Board, but the full Board must decide how to further substantively review these applications and how to proceed given the information present. After discussion, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Bethany DeMore Chadd, M.A., BCBA, Diana Marie Davis, M.Ed., BCBA, Amanda Gisbert, M.S., BCBA, and Rachel McIntosh, M.A., BCBA, to the full Board for review and further discussion of their fulfillment of A.R.S. § 32-2091.05. The motion carried (2-0).

5. SCHEDULE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Mellott noted that this would be her and Dr. DiBacco's last meeting for this rotation and the incoming committee members would be contacted to schedule the subsequent ARC meeting for January 2011.

6. 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 8:42 a.m.

**Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. - Chairperson
Application Review Committee**