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MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

**March 1, 2011
7:00 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 Dr. Wechsler at 7:00 a.m. on March 1, 2011. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP – Chairperson
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Meghan B. Hinckley – Deputy Director

Attorney General

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

Requesting Approval for Examination

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

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to recommend approval of the application of Deborah Pardee, Ph.D. to take the national exam. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval for Examination & Licensure

Wendy Beghein, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Beghein’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. Beghein’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.

Jared Cox, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cox's application. The committee noted that Dr. Cox failed to complete questions #17-24 on page 6 of the application. In addition, a review of application page 7, question #29a., Dr. Cox indicated that completion of a 1500 hour internship. On question #29b., he also indicated completion of an “additional” 2000 hours of internship. On the Supervised Internship Experience Verification form, his supervisor, Dr. McCoy calculated that Dr. Cox completed a 2000 hour internship. It was the consensus of the committee to request clarification regarding the number of hours of internship actually completed and the answers to questions 29a. and 29b. of the application. The Committee recommended issuing Dr. Franklin a Request for Additional Information and Documentation (RAID) regarding the clarification of the calculations and deficiencies in her Supervise Pre-internship Experience Verification form.

Kristin Thompson, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Thompson’s application. Upon review of the Supervised Postdoctoral Psychology Verification forms from the **University of Arizona** and **Southern Arizona Neuropsychological Associates**, both the applicant and Drs. Morris and Caffrey post-dated the hours of postdoctoral experience to May 2011. Since these “expected to be completed hours” were not yet completed, they cannot be used towards the postdoctoral hours actually accrued up to the current date. Secondly, Dr. Morris calculated that Dr. Thompson completed 0 hours of direct client contact hours, which does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(5). The committee recommended sending Dr. Thompson a RAID requesting that Drs. Morris and Caffrey re-submit new Supervised Postdoctoral Psychology Experience Verification forms with the hours Dr. Thompson has accrued to date. In addition, the committee requested clarification of the lack of direct client contact hours for the University of Arizona postdoctoral experience as well as clarification regarding the nature of your postdoctoral experience with the **University of Arizona** and a description of how it fulfills the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G).

Neal Kennington, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kennington’s application. Upon review of the Supervised Postdoctoral Psychology Verification form from Ellsworth AFB, Dr. Kennington indicated in a cover memo that Dr. Hughes is a contracted civilian psychologist for the military base who is providing him with postdoctoral supervision. In addition, both Dr. Kennington and Dr. Hughes indicated the applicant is her immediate supervisor. The committee noted that pursuant to A.A.C. R4-26-209, Dr. Kennington’s postdoctoral experience with Dr. Hughes may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G). The committee recommended issuing Dr. Kennington a RAID requesting further clarification of the relationship with Dr. Hughes regarding her employment and supervision responsibilities. The committee noted that a statement from Dr. Hughes further clarifying this may be helpful to understanding of this unique situation. Dr. Wechsler also felt strongly that once the information was received, this application should be reviewed by the full Board regarding a possible substantial financial relationship issue.

Shauna Sukey Haley, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Haley's application. Upon review of the Supervised Postdoctoral Psychology Verification form from the Arizona Psychology Training Consortium, Dr. Stafford indicated that Dr. Haley worked 40 hours per week for a total of 15 weeks which totals 600 hours “number of hours trainee worked per week” 600. Dr. Stafford calculated that the total hours of experience to be 737 hours, a discrepancy of 137 hours. The committee is requesting further clarification of Dr. Stafford's calculations in relation to his answers of “number of hours trainee worked per week” and the “total hours of experience.” The committee recommended issuing Dr. Haley a RAID requesting further clarification of the calculation discrepancy of her postdoctoral hours.

Arni Sveinsson, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Sveinsson'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. Sveinsson'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.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the applications of Wendy Beghein, Psy.D. and Arni Sveinsson, Ph.D. 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. Wechsler then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to issue the following applicants a Request for Additional Information and Documentation regarding the discrepancies in their applications: Jared Cox, Ph.D., Neal Kennington, Ph.D., Shauna Sukey Haley, Psy.D. and Kristin Thompson, Ph.D. The motion carried (2-0).

Lastly, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to send the applications of Neal Kennington, Ph.D. and Kristin Thompson, Ph.D. to the full Board for review once subsequent information from their RAID's was received. Specifically, Dr. Wechsler requested clarification from the Board of how to process those applications that have more than one supervised experience, i.e. are they handled in tandem and accrued as one or are they calculated separately. Secondly, Dr. Wechsler felt strongly about the discussion of Dr. Kennington's application and his supervised experience as it relates to A.A.C. R4-26-209 and the Board's Substantive Policy SP01.09 on supervision and substantial financial relationships. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Postdoctoral Experience and Licensure

Carmen Lucia, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lucia's postdoctoral experience forms. 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 for licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

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

4. SCHEDULE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Wechsler noted that the next ARC meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. Dr. Brundage requested that we change the time to 12:00 p.m. as a courtesy to the staff. The date and time change was confirmed by Committee members and staff.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 a.m.

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP - Chairperson
Application Review Committee