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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

October 3, 2011

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 Dr. Wechsler at 7:30 a.m. on October 3, 2011. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D. – Chairperson
John DiBacco, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Meghan B. Hinckley – Deputy Director

Attorney General

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. DISCUSSION DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval for Examination & Licensure

Lutissua Ballard, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ballard's re-application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Ballard indicated on the Supervised Pre-Internship Verification form for LaSalle Community Center, she completed "3 hours of face-to-face supervision per week distributed as follows: 1 hour individual supervision per week; 1 hours group supervision per week." Dr. Ballard only accounted for 2 hours of supervision, not 3, as indicated on the total hours face-to-face supervision per week. You may wish to consult with Dr. Lawson on this supervision related issue and provide signed, completed documentation as appropriate. In addition, Dr. Ballard submitted a blank written training plan form titled, "Psy.D. Program in Clinical Psychology Student/Supervisor Agreement" from

LaSalle University. The Committee requested that Dr. Ballard clarify her calculations of her Supervised Pre-Internship hours and submit a copy of the completed written training plan form from the date that she began her supervised experience or submit a retrospective written training agreement signed by all parties involved in the practicum experience.

James Holmes, Psy.D. – Dr. Wechsler recused himself from this item, and therefore the matter was moved by the Committee to the full Board for review and approval due to lack of a quorum.

Nader Babai-Siahdohoni, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's Supervised Internship Experience Verification form completed by his supervisor Dr. Stephen Carson, indicated his internship experience was completed at Canyon State Academy from August 2010 – June 2011 while the consortium description from Walden University regarding this internship indicates that your supervision was completed at Tree of Life with Dr. Hubbard. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni a RAID letter requesting further clarification of the distinction of supervision between the two internship sites and any additional documentation of supervised hours at Tree of Life from Dr. Hubbard that demonstrates the internship(s) fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G). In addition, the Committee requested that Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's application be forwarded to the full Board for review of his previously disclosed legal matters prior to approval of him to sit for the exam and licensure.

Bethany Williams, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Williams' 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. Williams' 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. DiBacco, to forward the application of Bethany Williams, 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. DiBacco, to forward the application of Nader Babai-Siahdohoni, Ph.D. to the full Board for review of his specific legal matters prior to approval for him to sit for the EPPP and become licensed upon the receipt of a passing score on the exam. The motion carried (2-0).

Lastly, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to issue RAID letters to the following applicants regarding the deficiencies as discussed in their applications: Lutissua Ballard, Ph.D., Nader Babai-Siahdohoni, Ph.D. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

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

April Weichmann, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Weichmann's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that there was a discrepancy in the calculation of Dr. Weichmann's postdoctoral hours completed with Dr. Lacritz at UT

Southwestern Medical Center. The Committee recommended sending Dr. Weichmann a RAID letter requesting that she submit copies of her supervision logs for this experience in order to substantiate the information documented.

Beverly Yoches, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Yoches' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Yoches submitted her Supervised Psychology Internship Experience Verification form that documented she only completed 892 hours. The Committee noted that Dr. Yoches was deficient in supervision hours and recommended sending her a RAID letter requesting proof of completion of additional internship hours in order to become fully licensed as a waiver candidate in Arizona.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the application of Nina Parker-Cohen, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried (2-0).

Dr. Wechsler then made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to issue RAID letters to April Weichmann, Ph.D., and Beverly Yoches, Psy.D. regarding the deficiencies as discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential

After having reviewed all of the applicants in the category of licensure by credential and finding no deficiencies, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Thomas Alberg, Ph.D., ABPP, Pamela Langelier, Ph.D., CPQ, and Charles Maher, Ph.D., CPQ to the full Board for review and approval for licensure upon payment of the pro-rated fee. The motion carried (2-0).

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Behavior Analyst Licensure by Certification:

After having reviewed all of the applicants in the category of behavior analysts licensure by certification and finding no deficiencies, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Paul Davis, MSW, BCBA, Eric Frey, MA, BCBA, and Christine L. Kaffer, Ph.D., BCBA to the full Board for review and approval for behavior analyst licensure upon payment of the pro-rated fee. The motion carried (2-0).

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience:

After having reviewed the applicant in the category of behavior analyst licensure by experience and finding no deficiencies, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the applications of Carey Ann Burgess, MS, BCBA and Ehren Werntz, MS, BCBA to the full Board for review and approval for licensure upon payment of the pro-rated fee. The motion carried (2-0).

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. DiBacco requested that a future agenda item regarding streamlining the Postdoctoral Supervision Verification forms used by applicants and supervisors for the psychologist licensure applications be placed on a Board agenda for discussion and approval. Specifically, Dr. DiBacco asked that Board staff include language within the form that states applicants should only report/claim the first 1500 hours of completed postdoctoral hours. Dr. DiBacco noted that he would contact Board staff and

suggest language to be added for review and approval by the full Board at a future meeting. Board staff noted the request.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

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