

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY (ATEAM)  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

October 20, 2020

**1. Call to order/roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee was called to order by President Dr. Whitney Owens at 5:05 p.m. Due to COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's Emergency Mandate to Stay at Home for Nevada, this meeting was conducted online via Zoom.

**Roll Call:** Board President Whitney Owens, PsyD, and Members Stephanie Holland, PsyD, and Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present. Board Member Tony Papa, PhD, was present in a non-voting capacity.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and members of the public: Leslie Bautista, Melissa Depa, Erik Welsh, and Dylena Pierce.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated for the record that no public comment had been received in the Board office via email.

**3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the September 22, 2020 Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee. (For Possible Action)**

There was no discussion nor suggested changes to the minutes.

**On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting of the ATEAM Committee.** (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

**4. Discussion of Applicants who attended Non-APA accredited programs Requiring Education and Application Review; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s). (For Possible Action)**

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided the Committee with an update on each applicant below.

Note: Applicants who have not attended an APA-accredited program are referred to the ATEAM Committee for education and application review to ensure the requirements for licensure in Nevada have been met. Review of an application generally occurs following completion of the Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) application process.

A. Charlotte Watley, Psychological Trainee. As the application is very new, the associated documents for review had not yet been received by the Board office.

There was discussion by the members as to whether or not applications of Psychological Trainees should be reviewed by the ATEAM Committee. Dr. Papa asked if Nevada law requires Trainees to be from accredited programs within the state. President Owens suggested the Committee review whether or not Trainees should be evaluated by the ATEAM in the future; and asked Ms. Scurry to research the issue for the next meeting.

B. Tracy Moore, Psychological Intern. The applicant's status is pending as she seeks a new supervisor.

C. Sharon Simington, Psychological Intern. The applicant's status is pending as she seeks a new supervisor.

D. Barbara Sommer, Psychological Intern. The applicant's status is pending as the PLUS application had not been completed.

E. Leslie Bautista, Psychological Intern.

President Owens reviewed Ms. Bautista's application and PLUS file. She asked about the section of the Director of Clinical Training Form that indicated a complaint is pending. Executive Director Scurry stated that the supervisor was contacted and indicated that the form was marked incorrectly and that no complaints exist. Ms. Bautista confirmed that to be the case.

Dr. Holland recused herself from taking any action on this applicant.

**On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee determined the educational program of Leslie Bautista to be APA equivalent in accordance with state law.** (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard. Abstain: Stephanie Holland) Motion Carries Unanimously: 2-0

F. Linda Curtis, Psychological Intern The applicant's status is pending as the PLUS application had not been completed.

G. Michael Hobbs, Psychological Intern. The applicant's status is pending as the PLUS application had not been completed.

H. Michelle Zochowski, Psychological Assistant. The applicant's status is pending review of the PLUS application by the assigned ATEAM Committee member.

President Owens asked the executive director to check Dr. Zochowski's file to ensure her application was not previously reviewed by the ATEAM Committee. If so, the applicant's name will be removed from future agendas.

I. Dylena Pierce, Psychological Assistant. The applicant's status is pending review of the PLUS application by the assigned ATEAM Committee member.

Member Dr. Holland reviewed Dr. Pierce's application and inquired about credits in statistics. Two credits were earned as part of the psychology program but the third was part of a previous social work program.

Dr. Papa stated that statistics courses are generally the same regardless of the program.

Dr. Holland inquired about the residency program at the school Dr. Pierce attended. Dr. Pierce explained that she attended on-campus for 4 days and then had work outside of campus and alternative means such as message boards. There was also a week during the summer spent on campus.

Dr. Pierce added that the program was three years, minus any dissertation work. Dr. Holland asked about the application that indicates a 2-year program. Dr. Pierce stated she would update the form with the correct dates.

There was further discussion about the internship hours. Dr. Pierce stated she suspended her practice as an LCSW for the year when completing the internship hours.

**On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee determined the educational program of Dylena Pierce to be APA equivalent in accordance with state law. Such approval is contingent upon Dr. Pierce correcting the PLUS application including the dates of the program and her title during the internship experience, with final review by Dr. Holland.** (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie, Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

J. Leah York, Psychologist Applicant. The applicant's status is pending review of the PLUS application by the assigned ATEAM Committee member.

President Owens asked the executive director to check Dr. York's file to ensure her application was not previously reviewed by the ATEAM Committee. If so, the applicant's name will be removed from future agendas.

K. Nats Babel, Psychologist Applicant. The applicant's status is pending as the PLUS application had not been completed.

L. Melissa Depa, Psychologist Applicant

President Owens reviewed the PLUS application and had questions about two areas. First, there appeared to be only two credits in statistics and two credits in psychometric theory, but the Board requires three of each.

Dr. Depa informed the Committee that she had provided the course catalogs for review. She also provided information about a research design course she took during her Master's coursework.

Dr. Papa reviewed the transcripts and suggested that the missing statistics credit is likely covered through other courses, such as the methods courses. He added that those courses often contain a statistics. Dr. Depa confirmed that to be the case. She added that she may have miscategorized certain courses.

Dr. Papa inquired about the coursework in psychometric theory. Dr. Depa confirmed that she has had a specific course on psychometric theory and three courses in psych assessment. Dr. Papa inquired if those courses had time dedicated to psychometrics. Dr. Depa confirmed that to be the case. Lastly, Dr. Papa asked if the Clinical Research Methods course contained psychometrics, as is often the case. Dr. Depa stated that to be true for the course she took.

President Owens asked Dr. Depa to provide the course syllabi for the above courses for review.

Dr. Holland recused herself from taking any action on this applicant.

President Owens inquired about gaps of time in between completion of the internship and graduation date. Dr. Depa explained that any gaps were preparation for her dissertation but that she has continuously been working on and within her program.

**On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee determined the educational program of Melissa Depa to be APA equivalent in accordance with state law. Such approval is contingent upon submission of requested course syllabi related to psychometric theory and statistics and final review by Dr. Owens, in consultation with Dr. Papa, if needed.** (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard. Abstain: Stephanie Holland) Motion Carries Unanimously: 2-0

M. Anna Welsh, Psychologist Applicant. The applicant's status is pending review of the PLUS application by the assigned ATEAM Committee member.

N. Erik Welsh, Psychologist Applicant

Ms. Scurry explained that Dr. Welsh has applied for licensure. He attended a non-APA educational program and has been licensed in California for nearly five years.

President Owens reviewed the PLUS application and educational records. She stated that Dr. Welsh's transcript shows he is short one credit in psychometric theory. She added that, although California's requirements are generally not equivalent to those in Nevada, Dr. Welsh appeared to have met Nevada's requirements with the exception of 3 credits in psychometric theory.

Dr. Welsh was asked to provide a syllabus for courses that would satisfy the psychometric theory requirement.

There was discussion among the members about whether or not licensure/experience in another state can take the place of those requirements. If so, the members discussed how many years' experience should be necessary. Dr. Papa made comment that some states have developed a tiered system and the Board may want to consider such a system in the future.

**On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee determined the educational program of Eric Welsh to be APA equivalent in accordance with state law. Such approval is contingent upon submission of requested course syllabi related to psychometric theory and final review by Dr. Owens, in consultation with Dr. Papa, if needed.** (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie, Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

- O. Lauren Wecker, Psychologist Applicant. The applicant's status is pending as the PLUS application had not been completed.
- P. Rhea Pobuda, Psychologist Applicant. The applicant's status is pending as the PLUS application had not been completed.
- Q. Luz Robles Gonzalez, Psychologist Applicant. The applicant's status is pending as the PLUS application had not been completed.

**5. Discussion of Applicants for Licensure by Endorsement Requiring Education and Application Review; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s). (For Possible Action)**

- A. Yvonne Westover. Review of the application is pending completion of the endorsement application packet.
- B. Matthew Damon. Review of the application is pending completion of the endorsement application packet.

President Dr. Owens noted, for the record, that while the list of names in Items 4 and 5 appears long, many of the applicants have not completed their portion of the

application process necessary for the Committee's review. The intent of the ATEAM Committee is that applications are reviewed, and recommendations made in a timely manner once received by the Board office.

**6. Discussion and Possible Revision of Draft Language for Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Related to Licensure by Endorsement, Including Procedures for the ATEAM Committee and Board Office; and Possible Action to Recommend Approval by the Board of Psychological Examiners. (For Possible Action)**

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided the Committee with an update on the status of the proposed regulation change related to licensure by endorsement. The regulation was previously submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau and it is believed that it will be considered by the Legislative Commission in December for final approval.

- A. Review R058-19: the NAC draft language to address the applications for licensure by endorsement
- B. Review of proposed procedures for the handling of endorsement applications received in the Board office
- C. Review and discuss the red light/green light language to provide guidance to the Board when reviewing applicants from different jurisdictions applying for licensure by endorsement.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on Guidance Provided by ASPPB Related to Covid-19 and Potential Future Accommodations For Psychological Assistants and Psychological Interns (For Possible Action)**

President Owens spoke about potential changes to the training of psychological interns and psychological assistants as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic. She shared documents provided by the Association of State and Provincial Psychological Boards.

Dr. Papa added that thus far no requirements have changed. He added, though, that an increase in the use of telehealth could impact how supervision is handled.

Dr. Holland made comment that other states appear to be relaxing requirements in anticipation with individuals being able to complete their hours on time. She suggested this might be a topic of discussion at the larger Board meeting.

**8. Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee; and Possible Action to Approve the ATEAM Committee Schedule For 2021 (For Possible Action)**

- A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

As November 24 is the week of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Committee discussed moving the meeting up one week to November 17, 2020.

**On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee moved the next meeting to Tuesday, November 17, 2020 from November 24, 2020.**  
(Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

**9. Items for Future Discussion.**

There were no items for future discussion suggested.

**10. Public Comment.**

There was no public comment at this time.

**11. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

There being no more business President Owens adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.