

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

February 23, 2021

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.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and member of the public Dr. Lisa Hancock.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

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

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the January 26, 2021 Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

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 January 26, 2021 meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

4. (For possible action) Discussion of applicants who attended non-APA accredited programs requiring education and application review; and possible action to provide direction to an applicant(s).

A. Charlotte Watley, Psychological Trainee

There was no update on the applicant.

B. Tracy Moore, Psychological Intern

There was no update as the applicant is seeking a supervisor.

C. Sharon Simington, Psychological Intern

There was no update as the applicant is seeking a supervisor.

D. Barbara Sommer, Psychological Intern

There was no update as the PLUS application is still pending.

E. Linda Curtis, Psychological Intern

There was no update as the PLUS application is still pending.

F. Michael Hobbs, Psychological Intern

There was no update as the PLUS application is still pending.

G. Leah York, Psychologist Applicant

Member Dr. Stephanie Woodard summarized Dr. Leah York's application for licensure. The application was discussed at the January meeting when additional information was requested related to the internship hours. Dr. York corrected the internship hours and the information was confirmed by the supervisor. As a result, Dr. Woodard stated she met the requirements.

Dr. York's application was approved by the Board of Psychological Examiners at their regular meeting on February 12, 2021. That approval was contingent upon approval of the application review by the ATEAM Committee at this meeting.

Member Dr. Holland recused herself from discussion and voting.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the equivalency review of Dr. Leah York. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard. Abstain: Stephanie Holland) Motion Carries Unanimously: 2-0

H. Lisa Hancock, Psychologist Applicant

(This item was taken out of order.)

Member Dr. Stephanie Holland summarized Dr. Lisa Hancock's application for licensure. She stated that the internship and post-doctoral supervised hours met the requirements in Nevada.

Related to the educational program, Dr. Holland inquired about the category "Social Basis of Behavior." There was discussion regarding relevant courses including Social Psychology, Psychology & Social Change, and Multi-Cultural Counseling. The members determined that the education requirements, including residency, were met.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved

the equivalency review of Dr. Lisa Hancock and forwarded the application to the Board of Psychological Examiners for approval, contingent upon completion of the requirements for licensure. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

I. Danielle Richards, Psychologist Applicant

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, informed the Committee that Dr. Danielle Richards' application was previously reviewed and approved by the Committee related to the non-APA educational program.

President Owens summarized her review of the application. She agreed that Dr. Richards' application indicated an appropriate education, internship hours and post-doctoral hours. However, Dr. Owens expressed concern that Dr. Richards had not engaged in the clinical practice of psychology since 2014. She asked the members if Dr. Richards should provide proof of competence such as through continuing education. She added, as an example, that the Board requires such proof when a psychologist applies to reactivate their license.

Dr. Holland inquired as to Dr. Richards' plans once she is licensed. Ms. Scurry explained that she is currently a professor at a university in Arizona but wasn't sure if she was planning to practice in Nevada once the license is obtained.

Dr. Woodard asked if the Committee could make a recommendation that additional clinical hours be obtained. She added that as Dr. Richards had not yet taken the national or state exams, there was potentially time for that to happen without necessarily delaying licensure.

Dr. Richards will be invited to attend a future meeting of the ATEAM Committee to address those concerns.

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of applicants for licensure by endorsement; and possible action to provide direction to an applicant(s).

A. Yvonne Westover

There was no update on the applicant. To date the application has not been returned to the Board Office.

B. Matthew Damon

There was no update on the applicant. Dr. Damon's application was reviewed at a previous meeting but not approved. At that time, he was found to be short of the necessary supervised hours for licensure in Nevada. He was approved for temporary registration under the Governor's Directive 011 related to the state of emergency.

The application remains pending.

6. (For possible action) Discussion and possible revision of procedures 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.

- A. Review R0158-19: 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.
- D. Review of the Licensure by Endorsement application

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, presented a draft policy that described the process for the review of applications for licensure by endorsement. The policy was created based on state law, the proposed regulation developed by the Board which is currently pending final adoption, and the application review process developed by the ATEAM Committee. She described recent changes to the document including clarification of which applicants will be referred to the ATEAM for equivalency review.

Dr. Woodard suggested the section of the policy related to “denial of an application” be revised to include a third option that the applicant does not meet the minimum requirements. Dr. Owens stated such language should exist in the ATEAM procedures and asked Ms. Scurry to copy that process into the endorsement procedure.

Ms. Scurry stated she would review the ATEAM procedures to ensure it aligned with the endorsement policy and no conflicting language existed. Both documents will return to the next ATEAM meeting for review and potential referral to the Board for review.

Dr. Holland asked if disclaimer language should be added stating what would happen if a state moved from being green, yellow, or red. Dr. Woodard inquired about a review process for changes to other state requirements.

Dr. Owens stated that the Board chairs, through ASPPB, meet one or two times yearly. Those meetings may include discussion of individual state requirements. She also suggested Ms. Scurry follow-up with ASPPB as that organization maintains a list of state requirements.

7. (For Possible Action) discussion of upcoming meeting dates for the ATEAM Committee

- A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

There was no discussion nor suggested change to the next meeting date.

8. Items for future discussion.

President Owens suggested future discussion may include communication with supervisors of interns and post-doctoral students related to the ATEAM process; and, how to get non-APA applicants to apply early and complete registration to ensure timely review by the ATEAM.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

10. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, President Owens adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.