

MEETING MINUTES FOR  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS,  
SUB-COMMITTEE to review education/training equivalency standards, changes to APA standards of  
accreditation, and licensing of faculty supervisors

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, September 25, 2015 Time: 3: 30 p.m.

PLACE: UNLV, Psychology Dept, CEB 248, 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154-5030

1. Call to order/roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.  
Committee meeting called to order at 3:37 P.M.

Committee members present on call:  
Michelle Paul, Ph.D.  
Sheila Young, Ph.D.

Others present on the call:  
Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director  
Ray Trybus, Ph.D.

2. Public comment.  
No Public comment was made.

3. Equivalency standards

A. Review current regulation and current steps for reviewing equivalency  
The current standard of the Board to have a Training Director (or equivalent such as a Chair) an APA equivalent institution complete the evaluation has made it very difficult for applicants to locate a qualified individual who is willing to complete the evaluations.

B. Proposed regulation change  
The committee reviewed the regulation change that had been previously presented by Dr. Trybus to the full Board. A change to NAC 641.061 2 "(i) As an alternative to the individual program review described in section (h) above, a doctoral degree-granting institution of higher education may establish to the Board's satisfaction the equivalence of its doctoral degree program in psychology to an APA-accredited program by presenting to the Board the information specified above in sections 1 and 2. Upon the Board's determination that a program so described is substantially equivalent to an APA-accredited program, the Board shall rely on such determination in assessing the educational credentials of any applicant who received the doctoral degree in psychology from that program, without the need for such applicant to provide the individual review specified in section (h) above."

Ms. Alldredge raised that there may be an issue as the current regulation places the burden of proof on the applicant. Dr. Trybus updated the committee on the history of the regulation proposed change and history of states being willing to approve Walden as equivalent. Dr. Young asked whose responsibility is it to report to approving jurisdictions if changes take place within the program. Dr. Young also requested to review the letters of approval by the jurisdictions that have agreed to this approval process. Dr. Trybus agreed to provide these letters. Dr. Young agreed to gather more information at ASPPB meeting.

C. Respecialization  
Respecialization is the process of an individual who earns a degree in one specialty (ie Research psychology) and works through education and training to earn a degree or equivalent to a separate specialty. (ie Clinical psychology)

4. APA new Standards of Accreditation

A. Review changes to APA SoA  
Dr. Paul led the committee in review of the American Psychological Association's new Standards of Accreditation.

B. Implications for reviewing equivalency and NAC changes  
The changes to SoA would require changes as listed in NAC 641.061. This would require the Board to evaluate the evaluation form that is utilized to evaluation non-APA applicants.

C. Timeline for changing NAC accordingly

The changes of the Standards of Accreditation are required to be met no later than January 1, 2017. Due to the fact that changes to NAC may only take place outside of legislative session it would best to complete the changes no later than October 2016.

5. Faculty supervisors licensing (review NRS 641.390)

A question regarding the meaning of NRS 641.390 was raised to the full Board, and the committee was charged with evaluating the statute and suggesting a response. Upon discussion it was noted to clarify the statute within the NAC 641. A change to NAC 641 will be suggested, "Pursuant to NRS 641.390, Faculty involved in teaching, research, or supervision roles in delivery of direct Psychological Services must be licensed by the Board."

6. Public comment.

No public comment was made. A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for November 6 at 3:30pm

Committee adjourned at 4:45.