

MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS,
SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW EDUCATION/TRAINING EQUIVALENCY

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, May 6, 2019 Time: 5:15 p.m.
PLACE: 4600 Kietzke Lane, Building B, Suite 116, Reno NV 89502 (Zoom Meeting)
Zoom Meeting ID: 618-111-062

- 1) **Call to order/roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.**
Call to order 5:15 p.m.
Michelle Paul, Ph.D., Board President
Whitney Owens, Psy.D., Board Secretary/Treasurer
Anthony Papa, Ph.D.
Morgan Gleich, Executive Director
Richard Pratt, Ph.D., Applicant
- 2) **Public comment.**
No public comment.
- 3) **Approval of meeting minutes from the previous meeting.**
Director Gleich informed committee members that they are still being written and will be sent out in the coming week for review.
- 4) **Discuss applicants requiring education review.**
 - A. Melissa Depa: Committee members reviewed and discussed Dr. Depa's PLUS application. Dr. Papa inquired about the amount of credits Dr. Depa has taken and whether they align with the Board's requirements. Dr. Paul clarified that after January 1, 2018, the Board shifted from looking at how a program measured competency in courses to credit hours. As Dr. Depa's degree was conferred in 2019 but coursework was completed in 2016, a review of her transcripts is necessary in order to see how her credit hours align with required credit hours set by the Board. Dr. Papa offered to review Dr. Depa's academic transcript and course syllabi and report back at the June 10, 2019 committee meeting.
 - B. Jennifer Grimes-Vawters: Director Gleich informed committee members that as of the date of this meeting she has not received Dr. Grimes-Vawters' PLUS application. Dr. Owens questioned if a timeline had been set forth for Dr. Grimes-Vawters and noted that it has been about 3 months since the beginning of the review process; Director Gleich asserted that she would write to Dr. Grimes-Vawters with a deadline.
 - C. Dorota Krotkiewicz: Dr. Owens offered to review Ms. Krotkiewicz's academic transcript and course syllabi and report back at the June 10, 2019 committee meeting.
 - D. Tracey Moore: Director Gleich informed committee members that she received an email from Dr. Moore informing her that she is unable to complete the Board's requirements at this time as she is getting married, but will complete the requirements set forth by the Board as soon as she can.

- E. Richard Pratt: Dr. Paul reminded committee members that Dr. Pratt surrendered his license in April 2018 and decided to reapply for licensure in 2019. As the Board currently does not have regulations in place for reissuing a license to a former licensee who surrenders their license, it is necessary for the Board to treat Dr. Pratt as a new applicant.

Committee members discussed Dr. Pratt's education and training for equivalency to make recommendations to the Board at the May 10, 2019 Board meeting, wherein larger issues such as previous disciplinary actions would be discussed and addressed.

Dr. Pratt answered questions from committee members regarding the content of the courses taken and their equivalence to current standards. Further, Dr. Pratt offered his willingness to complete the year of supervised experience he is currently lacking in order to meet the current licensure requirements.

Dr. Paul summarized that this committee found gaps in Dr. Pratt's education and training in professional ethics, treatment, and 1 (one) year of post-doctoral supervision. Committee members are recommending for Dr. Pratt to register as a Psychological Assistant with a Supervised Practice Plan that includes how Dr. Pratt will make up the course content that he is lacking via Continuing Education courses, with hours to be determined by the Board.

Director Gleich noted that there is the need of two remediation procedures: one for making up for lacking education and training, and one to remediate the past settlement agreement.

To remediate the lack of intervention coursework, the committee will recommend to the Board 45 hours of Continuing Education Units. Further, in order to make up for gap in professional ethics, Dr. Paul remarked that as Dr. Pratt formerly kept up with the 6 required Continuing Education Units when renewing his license, the committee would recommend for Dr. Pratt to complete the prescribed ethics exam that was required in the earlier settlement agreement. Dr. Pratt noted that he would need time to prepare for the exam. Director Gleich offered to reach out to the examiners to see their preparatory course recommendations. Dr. Owens noted that simply based on the transcripts, Dr. Pratt is missing ethics courses; therefore, she noted the necessity to present this before the Board as such and allow Board members to remediate as they would without any additional information.

- F. Halleh Seddighzadeh: Dr. Seddighzadeh's application is set for closure at the May 10, 2019 Board meeting due to failure to meet the deadline prescribed under NAC 641.1503.

5) Meeting schedule for committee.

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

6) Discuss the development of the step by step manual (similar to the ASPPB Mobility Procedure and Policies Manual.) Developing our own tools; making a clear checklist and review sheets.

Discussion deferred to the June 10, 2019 committee meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Director Gleich will combine sections from each committee member for review at the June 10, 2019 committee meeting.

7) Other Items for Future Discussion.

No items raised for future discussion.

8) Public Comment.

No public present.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Upon completion of discussion the ATEAM voted to adjourn 6:28 P.M.