

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

Thursday April 2, 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 was called to order by President Dr. Whitney Owens at 5:15 p.m. Due to COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's Emergency Mandate to Stay at Home for Nevada, this meeting was conducted via Zoom (513-190-932).

Roll Call: Board President Whitney Owens, PsyD, and Members Tony Papa, PhD, Board Secretary/Treasurer, and Stephanie Holland, PsyD, were present.

Also present were Neena Laxalt, Board Lobbyist, and Danielle Moreggi, PhD, Member of the Public.

2. Public Comment.

Danielle Moreggi reported that she is attending the meeting to learn more about training as she is developing a training program for her agency and wants to ensure that her policies are in line with board rules and regulations.

3. Review, discuss, and possible approval of minutes from previous meetings: February 24, 2020.

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from February 24, 2020. No changes were requested.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by Stephanie Holland, the ATEAM Committee approved the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Tony Papa, Stephanie Holland) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0.

4. Discuss applicants requiring education and application review.

- A. Tracy Moore – There was no update.
- B. Sharon Simington – There was no update.
- C. Anna Welsh – There was no update.
- D. Erik Welsh – There was no update.
- E. Heywood Barash – The Committee reviewed Dr. Barash's application. Dr. Barash does not have an internship that meets standards for an APA accredited internship or equivalent. Dr. Owens will follow up with Dr. Barash via U.S. Mail to ask for additional information to clarify his application.

5. Meeting schedule for the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2020 at 5:15pm.

6. (For Possible Action) Discuss the development of the step by step manual (similar to the ASPPB Mobility Procedure and Policies Manual.). Develop our own tools; making a clear checklist and review sheets. Finalize the step by step manual to be sent to the Board for final approval.

Dr. Papa reported that he will work on completing the manual by the following ATEAM meeting.

7. Discussion and Development of Endorsement Language changes made in the 2019 Legislative session.

- A. Review R0158-19: the NAC draft language to address the endorsement language - There was no update.
- B. How to handle endorsement applications received in the board office during the new NAC 641 language – There was no update.
- 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. – Dr. Papa will work on completing the review of the states to ensure that the red light, green light, yellow light system is accurate and useful in review of candidates for endorsement.

8. Discussion of expectations and need for requesting further information in psychological internships.

- A. Determine criteria needed to establish equivalency for non-APA accredited internships. – Dr. Holland presented a review of a comparison of internship criteria from APA and APPIC. APPIC has less criteria for internship than APA. Dr. Papa pointed out that NAC 641.080 requires an APA accredited internship or equivalent to be eligible for licensure. Dr. Owens noted that the subcommittee needs to be mindful of how many APA accredited internships are located in state and how this may limit qualified applicants from obtaining licensure if they are not able to be placed at an APA accredited internship. Dr. Papa noted that the purpose of the board is to provide minimum criteria for licensure as a means of ensuring that we license qualified providers to ensure protection of the public. Dr. Owens agreed that protection of the public is important and that it is a top consideration. Dr. Holland expressed concern that many current non-APA accredited internships in the state would not be able to meet the standards set forth by APA, as there are many standards to follow. Dr. Owens noted that enforcing our current NAC which states that internships must be APA accredited or equivalent is the charge of the board and that current internship sites would hopefully rise to the standard to ensure proper training and oversight.

- B. Establish language/questions needed to add to applications to determine internship equivalency for non-APA accredited internships. – Dr. Owens noted that the current application does not ask questions about internships and if they are APA accredited or equivalent. Given that our NAC rules require applicants have an APA or equivalent, Dr. Owens will work with the new Executive Director to add questions to the initial application for licensure to enquire about internship experience.
- C. Add language to the Non-APA Application File Equivalency Review Form – Dr. Holland states that she will work on adding language to the Non-APA Application File Equivalency Review Form to help establish equivalency for people who do not have APA accredited internships.

9. Other Items for Future Discussion.

None

10. Public Comment.

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Owens recommended adjourning the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Tony Papa, the ATEAM Committee adjourned the meeting. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Tony Papa, Stephanie Holland) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0.