

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

June 23, 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 5:30 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 Tony Papa, PhD, and Stephanie Holland, PsyD, were present.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and members of the public: Dr. Heywood Barash, Roxana Monsivais-Dominguez.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the May 18, 2020 Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee. (For Possible Action)

Executive Director Scurry commented that there was an error in the minutes that the action referred to the Board of Psychological Examiners rather than the Committee and asked that the motion include approval to make that change. There was no other discussion or recommended changes to the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting.

On motion by Dr. Papa, second by Dr. Holland, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting of the ATEAM Committee with the noted change referencing the committee name. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Tony Papa and Stephanie Holland) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

4. DISCUSSION OF APPLICANTS REQUIRING EDUCATION AND APPLICATION REVIEW. (For Possible Action)

A. Tracy Moore

Executive Director Scurry explained that this candidate's registration is on hold until a new supervisor has been found.

B. Sharon Simington

Executive Director Scurry explained that updated hourly logs for her internship were received that day by the Board Office. Additional information will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

C. Anna Welsh

There was no update on this applicant.

D. Erik Welsh

There was no update on this applicant.

E. Heywood Barash

Dr. Barash presented documents describing the gap in his experience timeline that was requested at the previous meeting. He also explained that he had been unable to have his internship verified with a past supervisor as she is deceased. He provided further details about the numbers of hours obtained as an intern as well as the locations at which they were obtained.

There was discussion among the members as to how it has been handled in the past when an internship cannot be verified.

There was additional discussion about whether Dr. Barash's transcripts indicate the correct courses have been taken to meet Nevada's educational requirements related to licensure as a psychologist. Dr. Papa expressed concern that the official transcript did not indicate courses specifically in psychotherapy. In response to Dr. Barash's assertion that he did have those classes, the Committee requested he submit course syllabi from Brooklyn College describing the courses.

Dr. Holland made comment that there has been concern in the past that school psychologist programs have not met the requirements necessary for a licensed psychologist in Nevada. Often those individuals have been required to take additional coursework.

President Owens asked Dr. Barash to provide any relevant course syllabi in order to make a final determination regarding the educational requirements that must be met. She clarified that the educational requirements are separate and apart from any supervised or practical experience he may have gained.

F. Roxana Monsivais-Dominguez

Executive Director Scurry informed the Committee that review of the foreign transcripts by ASPPB indicates Ms. Monsivais-Dominguez' education and other experience equates in the U.S. to a Bachelor's Degree. As a result, she has not yet met the requirements to apply as a psychologist. It was recommended that she would need to pursue an APA

accredited or equivalent doctoral degree in Psychology in order to be eligible for licensure by this Board.

Ms. Monsivais-Dominguez inquired if she can be in a doctoral program while in a Master's program. Dr. Owens explained that it is possible to apply for a doctoral program without completing the Master's program. Dr. Papa added that an individual does not necessarily have to complete a Master's program in order to get into a doctoral program.

G. Luz Robles Gonzalez

There was no update on this applicant. She has applied as a licensed psychologist but attended a non-APA program. The application was submitted to ASPPB for review through the PLUS system.

H. Barbara Sommer

There was no update on this applicant. She has applied as a psychological assistant but attended a non-APA program. The application was submitted to ASPPB for review through the PLUS system.

5. Meeting Schedule for the Committee (For Possible Action)

A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

The members agreed that the next meeting will occur on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:05 p.m. No action was taken.

6. Discussion of the Development of the Step-By-Step Manual (Similar to The ASPPB Mobility Procedure and Policies Manual). Discussion May Include Development of Tools; Making a Clear Checklist and Review Sheets. Finalize The Step By Step Manual To Be Sent To The Board For Final Approval. (For Possible Action)

There was no discussion on this item.

7. DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENDORSEMENT LANGUAGE CHANGES MADE IN THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (For Possible Action)

A. Review R0158-19: the NAC draft language to address the endorsement language

B. How to handle endorsement applications received in the board office during the new NAC 641 language

- 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.

The committee discussed the licensure by endorsement process, including a spreadsheet that compares the licensure processes of each state. States designated as "green" have a process that closely aligns to that of Nevada; "yellow" states are aligned but with minor differences; and "red" states have application and licensure processes that are very different from Nevada's.

Dr. Holland stated that the spreadsheet was up-to-date and aligns to draft regulation R0158-19.

The committee discussed the role of the ATEAM Committee in review of licensure by endorsement applicants to ensure compliance with Nevada laws and regulations. Discussion included a proposal that green state applications would be handled by the Board Office; all applicants from red states would be referred to the ATEAM Committee; and, at least initially, all yellow applicants will be referred to the Committee. Once the process has been solidified and there is a better understanding of the differences that exist with yellow states, the Board Office may handle yellow state applications, only referring them to the ATEAM Committee when additional review is deemed necessary.

To aid the committee in making final process recommendations, information about current applicants will be compiled for discussion at the next ATEAM Committee meeting.

8. DISCUSSION OF EXPECTATIONS AND NEED FOR REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERNSHIPS. (For Possible Action)

- A. Determine criteria needed to establish equivalency for non-APA accredited internships.
- B. Establish language/questions needed to add to applications to determine internship equivalency for non-APA accredited internships.
- C. Add language to the Non-APA Application File Equivalency Review Form

Dr. Holland explained that prior to the last ATEAM Committee meeting, a survey of licensees was conducted to determine the locations of internship sites in Nevada. The survey asked how many interns the site accepts annually, what the requirements for application are, and if the site is APA or APPIC credentialed. From that survey, 6 sites were identified. Executive Director Scurry added that, at the Committee's request, intern files were reviewed and 2 additional names of internship sites were identified.

The Committee discussed developing a questionnaire for those sites to determine their training requirements and ensure compliance with Nevada regulations.

Dr. Owens questioned what the intention is in gathering information from the sites about their credentials.

Dr. Holland responded that the purpose is to identify that sites are APA credentialed to ensure compliance with Nevada regulations. Dr. Owens stated her concern that sites are potentially being asked to negatively report on themselves. She suggested that the Committee could instead develop a checklist of required criteria that would be made available to supervisors and trainees who are seeking a supervisor.

A new document will be developed to be added to the intern application packet that allows the supervisor to attest that the internship, while not APA-accredited, is APA equivalent.

Dr. Holland left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

There were no items suggest for future meetings.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT (For Possible Action)

There being no more business President Owens recommended adjournment of the meeting at 6:45.

On motion by Dr. Papa, seconded by Dr. Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Tony Papa) Motion Carries Unanimously: 2-0