

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

August 25, 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 5:05 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. Board Member Tony Papa, PhD, was present in a non-voting capacity.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and members of the public: Leslie Bautista, Luz Robles-Gonzalez, and Linda Curtis.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

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

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the July 21, 2020 Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee. (For Possible Action)

There were no 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 July 21, 2020 meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

4. Discussion of Applicants Requiring Education and Application Review; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s). (For Possible Action)

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided the Committee with an update on each applicant below. Applicants who have not attended an APA-accredited program are

referred to the ATEAM Committee for education and application review to ensure the requirements for licensure in Nevada have been met.

Review of an application generally occurs following completion of the Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) application process. There was discussion about the PLUS application process taking longer than normally, likely due to the ongoing pandemic situation.

A. Tracy Moore. The applicant's status remains pending as she seeks a new supervisor.

B. Sharon Simington. The applicant's status remains pending as she seeks a new supervisor.

C. Anna Welsh. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

D. Erik Welsh. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

E. Heywood Barash. The applicant's status remains pending. The educational documents requested by the committee during a previous meeting were not received as of the meeting date.

F. Luz Robles Gonzalez. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

G. Barbara Sommer. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

H. Leslie Bautista. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

Ms. Bautista, pre-doctoral intern applicant, expressed concern about her potential start date for the internship and not having received registration yet as an intern. President Owens explained that registration as an intern is not a requirement unless Medicaid reimbursement will be sought by the internship site. She added that being registered is a benefit to ensure that the internship requirements are being met.

I. Leah York. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

J. Linda Curtis. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

K. Michelle Zochowski. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

L. Nats Babel. Review of the application is pending completion of the PLUS application.

5. Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee; and Possible Action to Approve the ATEAM Committee Schedule For 2021 (For Possible Action)

A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

There were no conflicts or concerns with the meeting schedule expressed by the members. The meeting start time for future meetings will continue to be 5:05 p.m.

6. Discussion and Possible Revision of Draft Language for Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 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. (For Possible Action)

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.

The Committee was presented with the list of applicants for licensure by endorsement. Three of those applicants are from states that have licensure requirements equivalent to Nevada (green states), five are from states whose requirements are substantially equivalent (yellow states), and 18 are from states whose requirements are not equivalent (red states).

At a previous meeting, the Committee provided guidance that moving forward applicants from green states would utilize the expedited application process. That process replaces the PLUS application process with an application packet sent by the Board office. Applicants from yellow states will be referred to the ATEAM Committee for review but would also use the expedited application process rather than the online PLUS application. Applicants from red states would follow the standard application and review process, including PLUS.

As the process is new, there were no applications to review and were informed that of the five current yellow state applicants: three were previously referred through the PLUS system. The other two were sent the expedited application packet. When the application packets are received by the Board Office, the applications will be referred to Committee members for review.

There was discussion about the merits of using the PLUS application for all applicants versus the expedited packet for certain applicants. Dr. Papa spoke about his experience using the PLUS system and expressed concern that it could be more of a burden for those applicants due to potential cost and the number of attestations required.

The expedited application was discussed in general terms to ensure that the information needed to review is included. That includes verification of attendance at an APA accredited program; an APA or APPIC accredited internship opportunity; the number of hours required for the pre-doctoral experience; and the number of hours required for the post-doctoral experience.

There was discussion related to the requirement for the state exam. The Committee members agreed that applicants for licensure by endorsement will generally be required to take and pass the Nevada State Examination.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Develop Language Related to Expectations and Procedures for Psychological Internships, Including the Need for Requesting Further Information of Internship Sites; and Possible Action to Recommend Approval by the Board of Psychological Examiners. (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

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, explained that at the previous meeting, the Committee revised the draft internship checklist and attestation form. The form, with the suggested changes, was brought back for a final review of the document before forwarding it to the full Board for consideration of adoption.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the "Psychological Intern Checklist and Attestation – APA and/or APPIC Equivalency" Form as presented and forward the Form to the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners for consideration of adoption. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

8. Items for Future Discussion.

Member Dr. Holland suggested future discussion related to the registration of psychological interns, including how to ensure they are receiving appropriate training;

and potentially removing or adjusting the requirement for post-doctoral supervised hours.

President Owens stated that she will be bringing the requirements for supervisors of interns to the full Board for discussion at a future meeting.

9. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

10. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

There being no more business President Owens recommended adjournment of the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, seconded by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0