

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

December 22, 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.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and member of the public Dr. Matt Damon.

**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. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval Of The Meeting Minutes From The November 17, 2020 Meeting Of The Application Tracking Equivalency And Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.**

There was no discussion nor suggested changes to the minutes.

Member Dr. Woodard asked to abstain as she was not present at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

**On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting of the ATEAM Committee.** (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland. Abstain: Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 2-0

**4. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Applicants Who Attended Non-APA Accredited Programs Requiring Education and Application Review; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s).**

Executive Director Scurry explained that there were limited updates on the applications below. Unless otherwise noted below, the final application packets for the applicants are still pending.

- A. Charlotte Watley, Psychological Trainee
- B. Tracy Moore, Psychological Intern
- C. Sharon Simington, Psychological Intern
- D. Barbara Sommer, Psychological Intern
- E. Linda Curtis, Psychological Intern
- F. Michael Hobbs, Psychological Intern
- G. Leah York, Psychologist Applicant
- H. Nats Babel, Psychologist Applicant
- I. Lauren Wecker, Psychologist Applicant

Director Scurry updated the Committee on Dr. Wecker's application. The attestation of her internship house is still pending in the PLUS application as a result of the supervisor not being available. All other documents, including the background check, have been received. The members suggested Director Scurry attempt to obtain the missing information directly from the California licensing Board.

Dr. Wecker was licensed in California more than 10 years ago. There was discussion about whether or not an application should be delayed for attestation of pre- and/or post-doc hours when the applicant has been a licensed and practicing psychologist in another state for a significant amount of time.

- J. Luz Robles Gonzalez, Psychologist Applicant

**5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Applicants for Licensure by Endorsement From a "Substantially Equivalent" State; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s).**

The two applicants listed below are seeking licensure by endorsement. The Committee discussed the need to develop guidelines and criteria related to licensure by endorsement. Specifically, there was discussion about applications where the individual doesn't meet a requirement in Nevada but has been licensed in another state for a number of years. For example, can a certain number of years of licensure in another state take the place of a shortage of internship or post-doc hours.

- A. Yvonne Westover, Psychologist Applicant

Ms. Scurry explained that Dr. Westover is currently licensed in a yellow state (a state where the licensure requirements are similar but not equal to those in Nevada). Her application packet is pending.

## B. Matthew Damon, Psychologist Applicant

Ms. Scurry explained that Dr. Damon is currently licensed in a yellow state. His application indicates he is short by 200 internship and 150 post-doc supervised hours. He did attend an APA-accredited program and has been licensed for approximately one year in Idaho and Colorado.

Dr. Woodard inquired if an applicant who is licensed elsewhere would be required to obtain additional supervised hours before becoming licensed in Nevada. President Owens responded that the Board has in the past required an applicant to acquire additional supervised hours.

Dr. Damon joined the meeting and responded to the members' questions. He explained that although he works out of Idaho, he is seeking licensure to assist the Nevada branch of the group for which he works on a temporary basis.

There was discussion about registering Dr. Damon under Directive 011. The Governor's Directive allows for temporary registration of an individual who is licensed in another state to practice telehealth with a patient in Nevada.

President Owens provided Dr. Damon with the potential options including registering under Directive 011 as a short-term solution. The second option would be to continue pursuing full licensure. She added that the Board is reviewing the application because he is short on the supervised hours.

Dr. Damon stated he believed he had sufficient hours and would review his application to see if an error was made entering the hours.

Ms. Scurry stated she would have the PLUS application re-opened for Dr. Damon to verify the hours.

## **6. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Revision of Procedures 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.**

- 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.

President Owens suggested the Committee discuss those areas that make an applicant who is licensed in another state "substantially equivalent" with respect to meeting Nevada's licensure requirements. They included number of supervised training hours, APA accreditation, length of licensure, standing in the state where licensed, and

consideration of whether the applicant has been working full time during the period of licensure, particularly for an individual who has only been licensed for a short time.

There was discussion about ways to streamline the expedited application process for licensure by endorsement. The Committee discussed creating guidelines related to the review of applications. Such guidelines would allow consistency in the review of applications and allow the Executive Director to conduct the review rather than the Committee in certain instances.

The members suggested the following areas for future discussion and potential inclusion in the guidelines:

- APA accreditation
- Internship and Post-Doc Hours
- Background check
- Employment history including full-time employment, type of working environment, and access to quality and qualified personnel
- Length of time licensed
- License in good standing
- Continuing education credits obtained

President Owens suggested allowing the applications of individuals from yellow and red states that meet the requirements for licensure be reviewed by the Executive Director and not referred to the ATEAM Committee. This would include an applicant that satisfies the internship and post-doc hours requirements. The members agreed with the suggestion.

The item will return on the next meeting agenda when the members may discuss revising the endorsement application.

## **7. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Guidance Provided by ASPPB Related to Covid-19 and Potential Future Accommodations for Psychological Assistants and Psychological Interns**

President Owens stated she is aware of interns and assistants who have not been able to finish their dissertation, obtain opportunities to work as a post-doc or intern, etc., as a result of the pandemic. There was limited discussion but the item may return to a future agenda.

## **8. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee**

- A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2020.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting was moved to January 26, 2021 at 5:05 p.m.

**9. Items for Future Discussion.**

There were no future items suggested.

**10. Public Comment.**

There was no public comment at this time.

**11. (For Possible Action) Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, President Owens adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.