

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

January 26, 2021

**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. Lauren Wecker.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated 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 December 22, 2020 Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.**

There was no discussion nor suggested changes to the minutes.

**On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the December 22, 2020 meeting of the ATEAM Committee.**

(Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

**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).**

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided updates on the following applicants:

A. Charlotte Watley, Psychological Trainee

The educational transcript has not been received by the Board office. Once received it will be reviewed to ensure the requirements in Nevada are being met.

B. Tracy Moore, Psychological Intern

The applicant is seeking a supervisor and the application is pending.

C. Sharon Simington, Psychological Intern

The applicant is seeking a supervisor and the application is pending.

D. Barbara Sommer, Psychological Intern

The Board Office has not received the completed PLUS application, so the application is pending.

E. Linda Curtis, Psychological Intern

The Board Office has not received the completed PLUS application, so the application is pending.

F. Michael Hobbs, Psychological Intern

The Board Office has not received the completed PLUS application, so the application is pending.

G. Leah York, Psychologist Applicant

Member Woodard presented her review of Dr. York's application file. She stated that only concern was the number of hours of supervision per week during the internship. The application states two hours of supervision per week but no group supervision was documented. The application also stated four hours of weekly direct intervention and 36 hours of non-direct hours.

As Dr. York conducted the internship at her site. Dr. Holland explained that her site was APIIC certified at that time which would require the group supervision. However, Dr. Holland was not the supervisor and could not speak to the number of hours specifically.

President Owens inquired if the educational program included the year in residency requirement. Member Woodard read from the PLUS application that indicated an in-person component was satisfied. Member Holland stated her belief that Walden requires the student to be present at several events during the course of the year where the in-person component occurs, such as over a weekend.

Dr. York will be invited to the next ATEAM Committee meeting to address the Committee's questions.

H. Lauren Wecker, Psychologist Applicant

(Taken out of order)

Executive Director Scurry reviewed Dr. Wecker's application file informing the members that her internship hours had not been confirmed as the supervisor was not available. Instead, Dr. Wecker's records were requested from the California Board in case they contained the necessary verification. Dr. Wecker has been licensed in California for over 10 years.

Dr. Wecker explained the records that were presented and responded to questions from the Members. The records indicated approximately 1,700 supervised hours during the internship.

President Owens quoted Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 641.080 which states that "if an applicant has been licensed for at least 5 years in another state and has had no disciplinary action or other adverse action taken against him or her by the regulatory body, the 2 years of experience ... must be supervised experience and must comply with the following requirements: (a) Each year must consist of not less than 1,500 hours..."

Based on that information, the Committee agreed that Dr. Wecker met the Nevada internship requirements for licensure.

**On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the internship hours of Dr. Lauren Wecker and directed the Executive Director to notify ASPPB so the PLUS application could be finalized.** (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

I. Luz Robles Gonzalez, Psychologist Applicant

President Owens reviewed Dr. Robles Gonzalez' file. She stated that the application was complete and that the internship and post-doc hours were appropriate.

**On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee recommended forwarding the application of Luz Robles Gonzalez to the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners for final approval.** (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

**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).**

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided updates on the following applicants:

A. Yvonne Westover, Psychologist Applicant

Dr. Westover’s application is pending submission of the expedited application packet to the Board office.

B. Matthew Damon, Psychologist Applicant

At the last meeting of the ATEAM Committee, Dr. Damon indicated there was an error in the PLUS application related to his supervised hours. Since then, Director Scurry explained, he has indicated he may be missing hours. She added that as he has only been licensed in another state for approximately one year, the Committee may have recommendations to make. The updated application is pending and will return to the Committee once completed.

**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.**

President Owens opened the discussion into the licensure by endorsement process.

She suggested that applicants who meet the qualifications of NAC 641.080, including having been licensed for at least five years, and having completed at least 1,500 supervised internship and post-doc hours, do not need to be referred to the ATEAM Committee. Rather, the executive director can review and move the application forward when all other applicable requirements have been confirmed.

Applicants from states where the licensure requirements are not equivalent to the requirements in Nevada (referred to as “yellow” and “red” states) will be referred to the ATEAM Committee on a case-by-case basis, depending on what is missing.

Director Scurry reviewed the application process stating that applicants from yellow states (states where the requirements are generally equivalent to Nevada’s requirements) may utilize the expedited application process instead of the online PLUS application. Applicants from red states (states where the requirements are not equivalent to Nevada’s requirements) are referred to the ASPPB PLUS application.

Ms. Scurry reviewed the expedited application, including recommendations for revisions. Those recommendations were based on past committee conversations and information

that is missing from the current application but is helpful in reviewing an applicant's file. Those suggested changes included adding space for the applicant to provide the number of supervised hours gained as an intern and as a post-doctoral psychological assistant. Employment history was added to the application to show that the applicant has not only been licensed but also working and, if necessary, with access to other licensed psychologists. Lastly, in response to a question from the previous meeting about letters of recommendation, Ms. Scurry commented that the current process requires submission of three character references.

There was discussion about putting the endorsement application online to make it easier for applicants to complete. The current document is only available as a hard copy that has to be completed by the applicant by hand. President Owens commented that the current online system being used has the capability to allow for a more streamlined process.

Ms. Scurry also added language to the application instructions that proof of continuing education courses may be requested by the Board. This was in response to a recommendation by Member Woodard at the previous meeting.

Member Holland suggested changing "licensed psychologist" to "licensed professional" on the employment history section of the application, as described above.

Member Woodard agreed with moving the application online and with the suggested changes to the application. She also asked about character references and who is permissible to submit such a reference. Ms. Scurry stated the current application instructions reads, "It is the policy of the Board to not accept character references from family members, supervisors, supervisees (current or former), employees, clients or family of clientele of the applicant."

It was suggested that supervisors be allowed to write a letter of recommendation. The character reference from is limited to colleagues of the applicant.

Member Woodard suggested that if an applicant is currently licensed but does not have 5 years' experience and enough supervised hours, the Board may request proof of continuing education courses. This would add to the review of the applicant's professional practice.

- 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.

**7. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR THE ATEAM COMMITTEE**

- A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

The Committee suggested no changes to the next meeting date, February 23, 2021, of the ATEAM Committee.

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.**

There were no suggestions for future meetings.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There was no public comment at this time.

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

There being no further business, President Owens adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.