

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

June 22, 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 5:08 p.m. The physical meeting location was the Office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B116, Reno, Nevada, 89502. This meeting was also conducted online via Zoom.

Roll Call: Board President Whitney Owens, PsyD, and Member Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present. Member Stephanie Holland, PsyD, was absent.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and member of the public Shweta Sharma and Tawnya Ayim.

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 in advance of the meeting.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the May 25, 2021, 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 Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the May 25, 2021, meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 2-0

4. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Applicants Who Attended Non-APA Accredited Programs and/or Who Applied Under Licensure by Endorsement Procedures; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s) or Make Recommendation to the Board of Psychological Examiners.

A. Tawnya Ayim. This application review is pending receipt of the PLUS document by the Board office. A copy of the unofficial transcript was received and will be reviewed for substantial equivalency with an APA-accredited program. It will return to a future meeting.

B. Shweta Sharma.

President Owens presented the review of Dr. Shweta Sharma's application. Dr. Sharma originally applied for licensure approximately 8 years prior. At that time, there was discussion about having her education and training reviewed as they had occurred in India; and, Dr. Sharma had recommended that an equivalency review of the educational program be conducted by the National Register of Health Service Psychologists (National Register).

President Owens explained that the National Register can review education but cannot evaluate equivalency of training. She stated that the education equivalency review must be conducted through the National Register and asked Dr. Sharma to contact that organization.

Following the educational review, the Committee will need to determine if the internship conducted in India would be equivalent to an American Psychological Association (APA) internship and meet Nevada standards. Dr. Owens suggested Dr. Sharma seek attestation of the internship by her supervisor from India. Dr. Sharma described the internship program she completed and stated it took place over 2 years and included clinical work.

President Owens recommended Dr. Sharma initiate review of her education with the National Register to determine if it was equivalent to an APA-accredited educational program. She stated she would continue the review of the provided internship documents and described the requirements of an internship including training hours and hours of supervision. That review will eventually help to determine if Dr. Sharma should seek a psychological internship or registration as a psychological assistant.

C. Mavis Major

The Committee reviewed the application of Dr. Mavis Major for licensure as a psychologist. Review indicated that the education was not equivalent to an APA-accredited educational program. The internship information submitted by Dr. Major was as a social worker and would not be counted as training as a psychologist. Lastly, Dr. Major had not completed any post-doctoral training.

Member Dr. Woodard agreed that the applicant had not met the requirements for licensure.

The committee recommended denial of the application as the requirements of Nevada had not been met.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee denied the application of Dr. Mavis Major as it was determined she did not meet the

licensure requirements in Nevada. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard)
Motion Carried Unanimously: 2-0

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Procedures Related to Licensure by Endorsement; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for the Adoption of Application by Endorsement Procedures.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated the revised procedures were not complete and would be presented at the next meeting.

- A. Process for review of applicants with 20 or more years' experience but who did not attend an APA-accredited educational program
- B. Process for review of applicants with 5 or more years' experience whose license is from a state with substantially equivalent licensure requirements
- C. Review of Draft Regulation R158-19 related to applications for licensure by endorsement
- D. Review of the State-by-State jurisdiction comparison and the "red light/green light" language when reviewing applicants from different jurisdictions applying for licensure by endorsement.
- E. Discussion of new legislation related to licensure by endorsement and provisional licenses

6. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee

- A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

There was no discussion or suggested changes for the next meeting date.

7. Items For Future Discussion.

There were no suggested items for future discussion.

8. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

9. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the ATEAM Committee was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.