NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS' APPLICATION TRACKING, EQUIVALENCY, AND MOBILITY "ATEAM" COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 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 Chair Stephanie Holland at 8:35 a.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: Committee Chair Stephanie Holland, PsyD, and Members Soseh Esmaeili, PsyD, and Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present.

Also present was Lisa Scurry, Executive Director.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time. Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated that no written public comment was received in the Board office prior to the start of the meeting.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the September 24, 2021, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

There were no comments nor proposed changes to the minutes. It was noted that the meeting of October 22, 2021 had been canceled resulting in a delay to the approval of the September meeting minutes.

On motion by Soseh Esmaeili, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the September 24, 2021, meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

4. (For Possible Action) Review and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern or Trainee to Determine Equivalency with Nevada Requirements, Including Education and/or Training. (See Attachment A for the List of Applicants for Possible Consideration)

A. Justine Weber

As the applicant was not available, the application will return at a future meeting.

- 5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Licensure by Endorsement Policy and Procedures; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption of the Policy. Discussion may Include:
 - 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 (NAC 641.080(3)
 - C. Application by individuals who do not hold an active license in any other jurisdiction of the U.S., including how many continuing education hours are required
 - D. Review of the process for review of applications from foreign graduates
 - E. 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.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, presented proposed revisions to the Board's policy on applications for licensure by endorsement. The policy was originally written to implement provisions in Nevada Administrative Code. Specific changes to the policy were discussed.

Related to the national examination requirement, language was added to clarify that a psychologist's experience refers to "licensed" experience. Also, language that applicants who possess a doctoral level license in another jurisdiction "are not required to take the EPPP Part-2" was changed to "may not be required to take the EPPP Part-2." This will allow the ATEAM or the Board to require the exam when deemed appropriate for a particular applicant.

Related to conduct, under provision 3(f), reference to an applicant being "investigated" was removed. The Committee agreed that being investigated does not imply any wrongdoing on the part of the applicant. Additionally, investigations are not generally public information and may not be known to the Board.

The policy separates applicants into three categories related to compliance with Nevada requirements. The first refers to jurisdictions where the requirements are substantially similar to those in Nevada, the second refers to jurisdictions where the requirements

are substantially equivalent, and the last refers to jurisdictions where they are not substantially equivalent. For those applicants from jurisdictions that are not substantially equivalent, language was added to describe situations that would not require review by the ATEAM Committee. That included when the applicant "has been actively licensed for at least 5 years, has had no disciplinary action or other adverse action taken against them, and accrued not less than 1,500 hours in each of the internship and postdoctoral years." The added language reflects language that exists in Nevada Administrative Code (641.080).

A new section was added to address applicants who are not currently actively licensed in another jurisdiction. In such a case, the policy would provide that the ATEAM may require proof of continuing education credits similar to what is required of Nevada licensees. Additionally, the Committee may review past employment history and intent to practice and/or require the EPPP Part-2 and state exam. The Committee suggested adding language that the ATEAM may request "any other information" as needed.

The process for review of applicants who hold a license in a foreign country was added. The provisions in the policy reflect language that is being considered for adoption to Nevada Administrative Code. That process will refer most applicants who completed their education outside of the United States to the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. The National Register will perform an evaluation of the foreign educational program and determine equivalency with that of the American Psychological Association.

The Committee recommended forwarding the policy with the proposed revisions to the full Board for review and adoption.

On motion by Soseh Esmaeili, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the Proposed Revision of the Licensure by Endorsement Policy and recommended it be forwarded to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

6. (For Possible Action) Discussion of ATEAM Committee Operating Procedures; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption of the Procedures.

This item was not discussed and will return on a future agenda.

7. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Create Appropriate Variations of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards'

(ASPPB) Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) Online Application for Review of Applications for Licensure by Endorsement

This item was not discussed and will return on 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 Friday, December 17, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

There were no suggested changes to the next meeting date of Friday, December 17, 2021.

B. Proposed meeting dates for the ATEAM Committee in 2022

There were no suggested changes to the proposed meeting dates of 2022.

9. Items For Future Discussion.

There were no suggested items for future discussion.

10. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Stephanie Holland adjourned the meeting at 9:23.