

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

MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2022

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 Soseh Esmaeili at 8:32 a.m. The meeting was conducted online via Zoom, with one physical meeting location at the Office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B116, Reno, Nevada, 89502.

Roll Call: Committee Chair Soseh Esmaeili, PsyD, and members Stephanie Holland, PsyD, and Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present at roll call.

Also present was Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and member of the public Dr. Jodi Lovejoy.

Member Dr. Holland left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

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 August 26, 2022, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

There were no comments nor proposed 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 August 26, 2022, meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili 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. Lovejoy, Jodi (Psych)

Dr. Jodi Lovejoy is an applicant for licensure as a psychologist. She was previously reviewed by the Committee, but additional information was requested.

There was discussion about the training hours and whether they had been accumulated during her employment as a social worker. Dr. Lovejoy's supervisor submitted correspondence confirming the hours were earned during psychological training and not during employment as a social worker. The Committee members felt the content of the letter was sufficient.

Following review, Dr. Esmaili asked Dr. Lovejoy for additional information specific to courses in statistics and biological bases of behavior. There was discussion about those courses, including prerequisites.

Member Dr. Woodard asked about the internship and supervision hours listed in the PLUS report. Dr. Lovejoy explained that she completed the internship over two years on a less than full-time basis.

There was further discussion regarding the individual and group supervision hours. The PLUS indicated 92 individual supervision hours and 92 group supervision hours. As the total weeks of the internship was 92, Director Scurry commented that there should have been double that amount as it is recommended that an intern received 2 hours of individual and 2 hours of group supervision per week.

Chair Esmaili clarified that for the next meeting Dr. Lovejoy would need to provide information about the courses from the University of Utah, and to clarify the internship hours.

Chair Esmaili asked if there was any concern about the type of degree Dr. Lovejoy earned. Member Woodard stated that since it is a Psy.D. and the Committee is reviewing the coursework, there should be no concerns related to the degree program title.

(Note: Member Dr. Holland left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.)

There was no action taken.

b. Reed, Jasmine (Psych)

The application of Dr. Jasmine Reed indicates that she is deficient in training hours by 200 hours. Although Dr. Reed was invited to attend the meeting, she was unable to attend.

There was no discussion nor action taken on this application.

c. Watley, Charlotte (PI)

The non-APA accredited program of Charlotte Watley was reviewed at a previous meeting. Member Dr. Woodard conducted a further review of the transcripts and found that the program was equivalent.

No action was taken.

d. Mercurio, Michelle (Psych)

There was no discussion nor action taken on this application. The application will return at the next meeting.

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of ATEAM Committee Operating Procedures, including the Applicant Review Forms; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption of the Revised Procedures and/or Review Forms

As part of the review of the ATEAM operating procedures, Director Scurry presented a potential licensure application scenario that is currently being contemplated at the national level by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). In accordance with Nevada Administrative Code 641.080, an applicant who has been licensed for five years in another U.S. jurisdiction may have the training hours requirement reduced. The idea was that such a person could compensate for any training hours deficiency through practical experience. The issue addressed was the potential for an applicant to have been licensed for five years but for those five years to have been spent in academia rather than providing direct services to patients.

The discussion included whether the training hours requirement should be reduced in such a scenario. Chair Esmaeili stated she would be more comfortable if a process was in place to ensure the individual had competency to practice, including whether the psychologist had support such as working in a group setting.

Member Dr. Woodard stated the issue was in putting any individual who had been absent from clinical practice for a number of years into a setting where direct services were being provided. She likened it to someone working on re-specialization who must

have some level of supervision or consultation in the new area of focus. The discussion in that case should not be on the accumulation of hours but in ensuring competency of practice and providing for public safety.

Director Scurry suggested the use of the EPPP Part-2, which measures competency, may need to be mandated for applicants who have not been practicing for a period of time.

There was no action taken on this item.

Dr. Woodard left the meeting at 9:27.

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

- a. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

There was no discussion.

7. Items for Future Discussion. (No discussion among the Committee members will take place on this item.)

There was no discussion.

8. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

9. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Esmaeili adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.