

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 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 8:36 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 members of the public: Dr. Michelle Mecurio.

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 23, 2022, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

There were no comments nor proposed changes to the minutes.

Member Dr. Holland approved as to form, not content.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the September 23, 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. Lovejoy was asked at a previous meeting to provide the committee with information related to her education and training. As the requested information had not been received, the item will move to a future agenda.

b. Reed, Jasmine (Psych)

There was no discussion. The item will return on a future agenda.

c. Mercurio, Michelle (Psych)

(This item was discussed out of order.)

Dr. Michelle Mercurio applied for licensure as a psychologist. She attended a program that was not accredited by the American Psychological Association. As a result, her application was referred to the Committee for review.

Member Dr. Holland conducted the review and found the education to be substantially equivalent to an APA accredited program. She also had questions related to the internship and the number of years Dr. Mercurio worked as an intern. Dr. Mercurio explained the process for licensure in California and that it included working for various supervisors over several years.

Following review, the Committee agreed that Dr. Mercurio's education and training were equivalent to the requirements of Nevada.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the application of Dr. Michelle Mercurio, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all licensure requirements, and referred the application to the Board of Psychological Examiners for approval. (Yea: Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

d. Turner-Augustyn, Alisa (Psych)

Dr. Alisa Turner-Augustyn applied for licensure as a psychologist. Her PLUS report indicated that she did not have the full amount of training hours as an intern but had

more than the required number of hours as a psychological assistant. In total, she had more than 3,750 training hours.

The Committee agreed that as she had more than the required total supervised hours and individual/group supervision, the applicant had met Nevada's requirements.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the application of Dr. Alisa Turner-Augustyn, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all licensure requirements, and referred the application to the Board of Psychological Examiners for approval. (Yea: Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

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

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, explained that the operating procedures for the ATEAM Committee are being reviewed, including the forms used to review educational equivalency were also being reviewed. Those documents would be brought to a future meeting for review by the Committee. In the meantime, she had questions for the members regarding certain procedures.

Director Scurry asked the committee about professional references including who can be used as a reference, and how many years can pass before a reference should no longer be used. Consensus was reached that a reference should not be older than 2 years.

There was discussion about using past supervisors as a reference. An old application procedure stated that references should not include past supervisors. Director Scurry stated that references are a good source of feedback from a supervisor. The members agreed that the feedback of supervisors is relevant and important. The data gathered in the PLUS report does not provide the same information related to competency to practice.

Finally, Ms. Scurry asked about the process of reviewing an applicant during the internship or post-doctoral opportunity and whether the applicant must return to the ATEAM during the next step in the licensure process. For example, if an applicant is approved by the Committee during registration as a psychological intern, does that applicant need to return to the ATEAM for further review prior to registration as a psychological assistant and/or licensure as a psychologist.

The committee agreed that review during the internship provides enough information that no further review would be needed during the psychological assistant or licensure process.

Dr. Holland stated that by the time review occurs, the educational program would be completed and only the training hours would be missing. As a result, if the ATEAM reviewed the educational program and found it to be equivalent, no further review should be necessary.

Dr. Woodard added that not all programs are created equal. The purpose of the ATEAM review is to look at APA equivalency. Since the program is essentially completed when an applicant enters the post-doctoral training, no further review must occur. However, if the applicant is still completing coursework or if, in providing approval the ATEAM placed contingencies, the application may need to be reviewed.

It was decided that the executive director would retain the discretion to send an applicant back to the ATEAM if he/she deemed it appropriate.

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.

The members asked to move the meeting to an 8:00 a.m. start time for the November 18, 2022 meeting.

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

There were items suggested for future discussion.

8. Public Comment.

9. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Esmaeili adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.