# PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS' APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY "ATEAM" COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, November 19, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted via remote technology, and with one physical meeting location at the Office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B116, Reno, Nevada, 89502. Video- and teleconferencing will be conducted through "Zoom." To participate remotely, on the scheduled day and time, enter the meeting from the Zoom website at: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82378851383">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82378851383</a>. To access the meeting via audio only, dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID:

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The Committee will receive public comment via email. Those wishing to make public comment should email their public comments to the Board office at <a href="mailto:nbo@govmail.state.nv.us">nbo@govmail.state.nv.us</a>. Public comments received before the meeting will be forwarded to the Committee for their consideration. Public comments received during the meeting will be provided to the Committee members but may not be available for consideration during the meeting. Public comments received will be included in the public record (meeting minutes) but will not necessarily be read aloud during the meeting. In compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 241 (Open Meeting Law), the Committee is precluded from taking action on items raised by public comment which are not already on the agenda.

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee may take items out of order, combine items for consideration, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting. The public may provide comment on any matter whether or not that matter is a specific topic on the agenda. However, prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Committee may refuse to consider public comment on that item. (NRS 233B.126) Public comment that is willfully disruptive is prohibited, and individuals who willfully disrupt the meeting may be removed from the meeting. (NRS 241.030(5)(b)) The Committee may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person (NRS 241.030). Once all items on the agenda are completed, the meeting will adjourn.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT. NOTE: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Board

- President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020)
- 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.
- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- 7. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CREATE APPROPRIATE VARIATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVENCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS' (ASPPB) PSYCHOLOGY LICENSURE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM (PLUS) ONLINE APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

- 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.
  - B. Proposed meeting dates for the ATEAM Committee in 2022
- 9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. (No discussion among the Committee members will take place on this item.)
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT. NOTE: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Board President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020)
- 11. (For Possible Action) ADJOURNMENT

The public body is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to participate in the meeting. If such arrangements are necessary, please contact the board office at (775) 688-1268 no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

For supporting materials, visit the Board's website at <a href="http://psyexam.nv.gov/Board/2021/2021/">http://psyexam.nv.gov/Board/2021/2021/</a> or contact Lisa Scurry, Executive Director at the Board office by telephone (775-688-1268), e-mail (<a href="mailto:nbop@govmail.state.nv.us">nbop@govmail.state.nv.us</a>) or in writing at Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B-116, Reno, Nevada 89502.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public meeting notice has been properly posted at or before 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the following locations:

- Board office located at 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg. B-116, Reno;
- Nevada Public Notice website: <a href="https://notice.nv.gov/">https://notice.nv.gov/</a>; and
- Board's website at http://psyexam.nv.gov/Board/2021/2021/.

In addition, this public meeting notice has been sent to all persons on the Board's meeting notice list, pursuant to NRS 241.020(3)(c).

# <u>ATTACHMENT A</u>

# **PSYCHOLOGISTS**

Liana AbascalMary DinermanMariah SchwanGera AndersonDana GiontaShelly SheinbeinCherly BallouKalana GreerAaron Van Smith

Mantsha Boikanyo Alberto Ibarra Nicole Steiner-Pappalardo

Amanda Borlenghi Beth Lavin Vahe Sukiasyan Beth Borosh-Gissane Karen Lehman LaTanya Takla

Latoya Brogdon Jodi Lovejoy Alisa Turner-Augustyn

Corby Bubp Melissa Marrapese Angela Waldrop
Jodi Cabrera Nnenna Nwanko Justine Weber
Si Arthur Chen Ariel Ogilvie McSweeney Kiara Wesley
Filippo Cieri Rhea Pobuda Yvonne Westover
Roman Dietrich Maxwell Rappaport Wendy Worrell

# PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS

Tracy Basile January Prince Lauren Wing

Shannon Burns-Darden Shweta Sharma

# **PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERNS**

Shantay Coleman Michael Hobbs Barbara Sommer

Linda Curtis Jeanine Johnson

#### **PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINEES**

Leila Gail Holly Summers Erica Marino Charlotte Watley

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

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

September 24, 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 Executive Director Lisa Scurry at 8:32 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:** Members Soseh Esmaeili, PsyD, Stephanie Holland, PsyD, and Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and member(s) of the public: Jessica Conner and Lori Haggard.

#### 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 via email in advance of the meeting.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Chairperson from the Current Membership of Stephanie Woodard, Soseh Esmaeili, and Stephanie Holland.

The committee discussed the selection of a committee chairperson to conduct meeting business for the remainder of the committee year, through June 30, 2022.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee selected Stephanie Holland as the Committee Chairperson through June 30, 2022. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

4. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the August 27, 2021, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

Director Scurry indicated that the meeting minutes had the incorrect adjournment time. The August 27, 2021 meeting was actually adjourned at 9:24 a.m. There were no other comments nor proposed changes to the minutes.

Member Dr. Holland approved the minutes as to form, not content, as she was not on the Committee on August 27, 2021.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the August 27, 2021, meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

5. (For Possible Action) Review and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern or Trainee who Attended a Non-APA Accredited Program and/or are an Applicant for Licensure by Endorsement. (See Attachment A for the List of Applicants.)

#### **A. Jessica Conner**

(This item was taken out of order.)

Jessica Conner, an applicant for registration as a psychological intern, did not attend an APA-accredited educational program. As a result, her application was reviewed by Member Dr. Esmaeili for equivalency.

Dr. Esmaeili stated that the education was reviewed and found to be equivalent. She recommended the application be approved. She added that, as Dr. Conner previously completed 1,500 hours toward her internship in another jurisdiction, those hours be entered into the PLUS system for future reference.

Director Scurry agreed and stated that once the hours have been reviewed, if any question arise, the application would return to the ATEAM for further review.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the application of Jessica Conner for Registration as a Psychological Intern. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

# **B.** Jennifer Berg

Jennifer Berg is an applicant for licensure. She did not attend an accredited educational program. Upon review, Dr. Holland found the education was equivalent to an APA-accredited program. Although Dr. Berg did not complete a psychological internship, she did complete 4,000 post-doctoral training hours as a psychologist. As a result, Dr. Holland recommended approving those hours for her training.

Director Scurry added that Dr. Berg had been licensed in California for 8 years which could qualify her licensure under Nevada Administrative Code 641.080(4) which allows for a reduction in training hours to 1,500 internship and 1,500 post-doctoral hours.

Dr. Woodard clarified that Dr. Berg is licensed as a marriage and family therapist but has received a Psy.D. and conducted post-doctoral training. Ms. Scurry confirmed that no "double dipping" of hours occurred.

Dr. Esmaeili clarified that Dr. Berg has taken and passed the EPPP Part-1 but not Part-2. Ms. Scurry stated that she would not be required to take Part-2.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the equivalency review of Dr. Jennifer Berg and forwarded the application to the Board of Psychological Examiners for approval, contingent upon completion of licensure requirements and correction of the PLUS application. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried

# C. Lori Haggard

Unanimously: 3-0

(This item was taken out of order.)

Dr. Lori Haggard originally received a temporary license in Indiana in 2005. Since then, she has worked for the federal prison system where no license is required.

Chair Holland conducted the review of the application. She stated that the education and trained appeared to be equivalent to APA and Nevada requirements. Dr. Holland recommended that Dr. Haggard confirm she has received continuing education

Dr. Haggard described the continuing education she had completed over the past 18-24 months which totaled 33 credits. Dr. Holland asked the committee members what they thought we be an appropriate number of credits she should obtain prior to approval.

Member Dr. Woodard inquired about completion of the required courses in ethics and suicide prevention. Dr. Haggard presented proof of completion of suicide prevention courses but was deficient by one credit in the area of ethics.

There was discussion about Dr. Haggard's intention once licensed. Dr. Haggard explained that, although she plans to stay in her current role, she would like to obtain a license as a professional goal.

Chair Holland suggested that Dr. Haggard take and pass the Nevada State Exam and the EPPP prior to the Committee recommending approval. In that way, the Board will have confidence in her competency to practice.

Dr. Woodard supported the idea as it could exceed the learning and knowledge acquisition that typically occurs with continuing education opportunities.

Director Scurry asked the Committee is Dr. Haggard would also be required to take the EPPP Part-2. She added that the Board previously waived Part-2 for an applicant who had been practicing under a master's level license in another jurisdiction.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved Lori Haggard to take the EPPP Part-1 and the Nevada State Examination as Requirements Toward Licensure. Upon passing both exams, the application will return to the Committee for further review. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 3-0

#### D. Brian Olsen

Director Scurry stated that the application of Brian Olsen did not require review by the ATEAM Committee as he has met the educational and training requirements for licensure in Nevada.

No discussion nor action was taken on the applicant.

# E. Karima Shagaga

Dr. Karima Shagaga was an applicant for licensure as a psychologist. At the previous meeting of the ATEAM, there were questions regarding the internship and supervision hours. Since that meeting, Dr. Shagaga provided clarification.

Director Scurry explained that, according to Dr. Shagaga, when she applied for licensure, she indicated that she completed 1,500 internship hours as that is the requirement in California. The supervisor has sent a letter stating that Dr. Shagaga actually completed more than 2,000 hours and an appropriate number of supervised hours.

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

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

Director Scurry explained that the Licensure by Endorsement policy was reviewed, and revisions recommended, at the last ATEAM meeting. Changes include adding language about the communication of the status of applications; and the process for applicants whose license in another jurisdiction has expired.

Additionally, Ms. Scurry explained that the Association of State and Provincial Psychological Boards (ASPPB) recently notified her that in order for Nevada to continue to use the PLUS system, the Board will need to make changes in the way the system is being used. PLUS is the online application used for applicants to submit information

related to education and training, and for that information to be verified through a primary source process. Currently the Board only asks certain applicants to use the PLUS. Under the new proposal from ASPPB, all applicants would be required to use PLUS.

Those changes will go to the full Board for discussion at their next meeting. Then, the policy will be revised and return to the ATEAM for review.

- 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 the State-by-State jurisdiction comparison and the "red light/green light" language when reviewing applicants from different jurisdictions applying for licensure by endorsement.
- 7. (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.
  - 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 the State-by-State jurisdiction comparison and the "red light/green light" language when reviewing applicants from different jurisdictions applying for licensure by endorsement.

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

A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

The members asked to move the next meeting to Monday, October 25, at 5:00.

**9. Items For Future Discussion.** (No discussion among the Committee members will take place on this item.)

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

#### 10. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

# 11. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, committee Chair Holland
adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

# **State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners**

2022 Schedule of Meetings

# **Regular Board Meetings**

Meetings of the Board begin at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated on the official meeting notice. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

- January 14, 2022
- February 4, 2022
- March 4, 2022
- April 1, 2022
- May 6, 2022
- June 3, 2022
- July 8, 2022
- August 12, 2022
- September 9, 2022
- October 14, 2022
- November 4, 2022
- December 2, 2022

# **Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee**

Meetings of the ATEAM Committee begin at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated on the official meeting notice. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

- January 28, 2022
- February 18, 2022
- March 18, 2022
- April 15, 2022
- May 20, 2022
- June 17, 2022
- July 22, 2022
- August 26, 2022
- September 23, 2022
- October 21, 2022
- November 18, 2022
- December 16, 2022