

# MEMORANDUM

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DATE	April 5, 2018
то	EPPP2 Task Force
FROM	Lavinia Snyder Examination Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #4: Review and Discussion of the Development and Implementation of ASPPB's Enhanced EPPP (Presented by Dr. Emil Rodolfa, Chair of the ASPPB EPPP2 Implementation Task Force and Dr. Matthew Turner, ASPPB Director of Examination Program)

Below are brief bios of Dr. Turner and Dr. Rodolfa. Copies of their presentation is attached.

**Dr. Matt Turner** is the Director of Examination Services at the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). Dr. Turner oversees the operations and the development of the Examination for Professional Practices in Psychology (EPPP) Part 1 and Part 2 and the Psychopharmacology Exam for Psychologists (PEP). He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and has 12 years' experience as a school psychologist. Most recently, he served as a lead psychologist and then a part-time psychologist with the Gwinnett County (GA) Public Schools. He has also operated a private practice in child psychology since 2010.

**Emil Rodolfa, Ph.D.** is a Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Alliant International University's California School of Professional Psychology in Sacramento. He is the Chair of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology Part 2 Implementation Task Force. He is a Past-President of the State of California Board of Psychology, a Fellow of ASPPB and APA, and the founding editor of *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*. He has been active in many professional associations and has numerous publications exploring education, training, and competency. He has received numerous professional acknowledgments for his contributions to psychology education and training. In his spare time Dr. Rodolfa enjoys spending time with his family, playing horseshoes, and BBQing (some might call it grilling) at his cabin in the mountains.

#### Attachment: "The Enhanced EPPP: What Got Us Here and Where Are We Headed" Presentation Slides

# The Enhanced EPPP

What Got Us Here and Where Are We Headed?

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### Why the EPPP Part 2?

- · Licensing boards charged with public protection
- Public protection includes ensuring competence to practice
- Knowledge is one part of competence
- Skills, attitudes, and values comprise the rest of competence
  Psychology and most regulated professions have embraced the
- move to assessment of competence • Doctoral healthcare professions have implemented the
- assessment of competence in licensure examination procedures



### Why the EPPP Part 2?

- ASPPB members supportive
- Lack of standardization in
- A) Graduate education: 13% to 100% EPPP Pass rates
   B) Practicum training: AAPI hours
- Accreditation is for programs, licensing boards approve individuals
- Supervisors' difficulty writing critical or constructive letters of evaluation
- Technology now available to assess competency
- In the eyes of others, equalizes Psychology with other healthcare professions
- · Greater understanding of how to assess competency







## **EPPP Part Job Task Analysis Results**

2736 licensed psychologists responded from 61 of 64 jurisdictions (95%)

Assessment and Intervention     Relational Competence	33% 16%
	16%
Professionalism	11%
Ethical Practice	17%
Collaboration, Consultation, Supervision	17%
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# **QUESTIONS About the EPPP Part 2**

• Many questions are answered on the ASPPB Website: • <u>www.asppb.net/page/EPPPPart2</u>

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#### Will the EPPP Part 2 be a valid exam?

Yes, the accepted standard of validity for credentialing and licensing exams is *content* validity, which is determined through a job task analysis.

According to the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing "validation of credentialing tests depend mainly on content-related evidence, often in the form of judgments that the test adequately represents the content domain associated with the occupation or specialty being considered"





#### Will the EPPP Part 2 delay licensure?

• No, once the EPPP Part 2 is ready for use, the EPPP Part 1 may be taken pre degree, once all academic coursework has been completed (excluding internship and dissertation) Will the EPPP Part 2 affect the training sequence?

- ASPPB will conduct a research project comparing licensees who had post-docs vs. licensees who had no post-doc
- This study will be conducted during validation/beta testing of Part 2
- Results will inform discussion of need for post-doc





ASPPB is well on the way to developing a standardized, reliable, valid assessment of the skills needed for independent practice: The EPPP Part 2

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