DFP Committee

November 7, 2019

Hadley Bldg./Osgood

9:30-11:30

Minutes

Members Present: Ira Packer, Ph.D., Naomi Leavitt, Ph.D., Stephen DeLisi, Ph.D., Helene Presskreischer, Psy.D.

Guests: Juliana Reiss, Psy.D., Elizabeth Low, Ph.D.

Dr. Reiss attended as orientation, her Committee appointment is effective December 1, 2019.

Dr. Low is current UMMS forensic postdoctoral resident

**Items discussed/reviewed:**

1. The Committee discussed having candidates submit both the unsupervised and supervised report for mid training reports samples being reviewed. We will send this idea to Forensic Mental Health Supervisors asking for input and put back on the agenda for next month.
2. Discussed policy for waiver candidates (typically mid reports waived) and candidates that have just completed a one-year forensic postdoctoral training program. Should timeline be changed to complete requirements in one year instead of the standard two years? Committee agreed to leave at two years.
3. Limits of Confidentiality: questions were raised by CQI Committee. Discussion about which elements require documentation of understanding; clarify language about nature of relationship with collaterals. See attached document for final draft send to CQI Committee
4. **Training extension requests:**

* Candidate at court clinic waiting for appropriate report to submit, requested additional time . Committee had previously granted 3 months, and agreed to grant an additional 9 month extension.
* The Committee agreed going forward that all first-time training extensions requests would be granted for the one year that the Committee is authorized to do, rather than approving requests for shorter time periods.
* One-year extension approved for a candidate at court clinic

1. **DFP Training Plans for review:**

* Inpatient candidate: Approved, letter sent.
* Court Clinic candidate: The committee amended site visits from “MASAC or Stoneybrook and at least one other Sec 35 facility-WATC/MATC” to “MASAC and at least one other section 35 facility” per 104 CMR 33 regulations. Minor grammatical changes on page 2 removing the training template notes. Approved, letter sent.

1. **Final training reports reviewed**:

Candidate “T”

reports were on different defendants

Committee unanimously agreed to approve the reports

Committee reviewed Supervisor Review of DFP Candidate form.

Feedback letter sent.

Recommendation of DFP appointment sent to the Assistant Commissioner.

1. Committee responded to questions from CQI Committee about Notification of Limits of Confidentiality/Privilege. CQI Committee will incorporate and prepare a final document regarding these issues.