



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
JULY 18, 2019 MEETING

Present: Tammy Austin, Scott Giles, Lynn Irwin, Carol Smith and Shawn Waldron; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille, Lauren Layman and Gabriel Gilman.

1. General Business

- a. The Board called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.
- b. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting as written. Approved.

2. Stipulation and Consent Order

- a. Sabrina Lorah – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.

3. Applications

Cutlan, Nathan – MFT – The supervision standards in Minnesota are not substantially equal to those of Vermont.

Diamond, Clair – Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to preliminarily deny this application because of lack of support evidencing sufficient number of pre-degree supervised internship hours. Approved.

House, Frederick – Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Office grant him a license after he provides the following to the Office: (1) evidence of completion, within the next year, of 40 hours of continuing education, and (2) documentation demonstrating that he is currently licensed to practice as a clinical mental health counselor in New York State. Approved.

Zavalko, Ashley – Endorsement from Connecticut. All requirements are equal except that Connecticut only requires one NBCC exam. Vermont requires both. She will be required to successfully pass the exam that she has not yet taken.

4. Continuing Education

- a. Flower Essences as Adjunct Therapy for Emotional Health – not approved.

5. Topics for Discussion

- a. It was brought to the Board’s attention that a statutory fee, effective July 1, applies to applications for approval of continuing education. The Board is concerned that it did not know ahead of time that the Office was submitting this bill and are concerned that it did not have the opportunity to weigh in on this. Attorney Layman explained that the fee is of general application to all regulatory programs at OPR and appropriate to recover costs expended in reviewing novel applications. The Office does not wish to discourage in-house training and has drafted a policy for the Board to review. An exemption policy would have to be fair, consistent, and applicable to all professions. Attorney Layman explained that going forward the Office will notify the Board of any bills that the Office will be submitting to Legislature and how to track them.

6. Other Business

- a. The Antioch Dance Movement Therapy Memorandum of Understanding was tabled.
- b. The Board reviewed a Draft Continuing Education Provider Fee Guidance policy drafted by the Office. Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approves this policy in concept with the understanding that operational details need to be worked out. Approved. Ms. Austin abstained from voting.
- c. AASCB submitted to the Board for its review the NCLEP 2.0 proposal regarding portability. The Board stated that it would not adopt this as currently written.
- d. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2019.
- e. The Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I