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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
FEBRUARY 10, 2023, MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: Richard Root, EdD., ABPP Ellen Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, Ed.D.
Carolyn Basiliere, Ph.D. Michael Doyle

Members Absent: James Huitt, Psy.D.

Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Agatha Kessler, Assistant Director; Dylan Bruce, Policy/Planning Analyst; Michele Eno, Budget Analyst; and Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Dr. Grimes moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2023 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Additions to Agenda

Application for Karen Weierstall

Continuing education requests for CA 165784 – Providing Therapy for Autistic Clients for 15.5 hours.

4. Other
 - a. Agatha Kessler, Dylan Bruce, and Michelle Eno discussed the OPR and Board budget and fees with the Board. The Board would like additional information regarding expenses but expressed general support for the proposed fee increases with some modifications to the distribution of fee increases among license types.
 - b. An email was received from a student (Isabella S.) asking whether she could use a practicum course she completed in a Ph.D. program that she did not graduate from to fulfill the practicum course requirement for licensure. The Board responded that if the Ph.D. program to which she transferred and from which she graduated accepted the practicum for transfer credit and that practicum course is reflected on the transcript from the completed Ph.D. program, then it would fulfill the practicum course requirement for licensure. If the completed Ph.D. program did not accept the practicum

course for credit toward obtaining that Ph.D., then the practicum course from the prior Ph.D. would not be considered part of her final degree and it cannot be used to fulfill the practicum course requirement. The Board also noted that, if the applicant would like her education to be reviewed for licensure, she must submit an application.

- b. Attorney Layman updated the Board on the legislative session, which included discussion about the potential for legislation related to the adoption of PsyPact and legislation authorizing psychologists to prescribe certain medications.

5. Applications

- a. Weierstall, Karen – The Board reviewed the application submitted for doctoral-level licensure. The Board reviewed the applicant's transcript from their doctoral degree and were not sure the degree met the requirements as outlined in Administrative Rule 2.5 and in Section 3001 (1) of the statute regarding a degree in the practice of psychology. The Board was also unsure if the applicant's intent was to apply for the masters-level psychology license and requested that more information be obtained.

6. Continuing Education

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Basiliere, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. CA 166787 – TECHNICOOL: Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet – approved.
- b. CA 165780 – Collaborative Network Approach Statewide Training Level 2 – approved.
- c. CA 166796 – Ethical Decision Making – approved.
- d. CA 166791 – Cognitive Restructuring/Mental Fitness – approved.

Dr. Grimes moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- e. ICE 191714 – Somatic Experiencing Beginning II – approved for 20 hours.
- f. ICE 191715 - Somatic Experiencing Beginning I – approved for hours.
- g. CA 167769 – Racial Trauma – approved.
- h. CA 165773 – Open Dialogue in Action – approved.
- i. CA 166774 – Trauma Responsive Care in Emergency Departments – approved for hours.
- j. CA 166781 – Managing Client Risk – approved.
- k. CA 165783 – Providing Therapy for Autistic Clients – approved for 3 hours.

- l. CA 165783 – Providing Therapy for Autistic Clients – 15.5 hours were requested, but the Board can only find 3 hours of course time on the agenda. 3 hours were approved.
 - m. CA 171764 – Time to Make Time – approved.
 - n. CA 172764 – Why the Axe Forgets What the Tree Remembers – approved.
- 7. Public Comment - None
 - 8. The Board adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

2023 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8