

**Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation**

**BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**APRIL 16, 2009**

Members Present: Paul Sahba, Marjorie Trombly, Marilyn Turcotte, and Edmund Fischer.

**I. General Business**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
- B. The minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting was approved as written.

**II. Applications for Review**

Columbia, Erin – applicant is requesting preapproval for Advanced Pharmacology: Staying Current with Drugs of Abuse. This is approved for Psychopharmacology or addiction disorders. The school must be accredited and it must be a graduate level course. The applicant should look at the Boards course descriptions because the Board reserves the right to evaluate course appropriateness when the transcripts are received.

Culver, Melissa – Education has been approved. Supervision has been approved. She may be licensed once she successfully completes the examinations.

Golden, Michelle – Education approved. She may sit for the exams.

Lash, Michele – She was not ever licensed in Vermont at any time. Her degree will not qualify for licensure at this time due to the lack of a course in diagnosis and treatment that includes DSM and its use in counseling. Since this course is not contained in the original degree conferred, she cannot be licensed in Vermont. She should be advised that she cannot call herself a “clinical mental health counselor” as this is a proprietary term and can only be used when the individual is licensed to practice clinical mental health counseling, Vermont Statute, Title 26, Chapter 65, Section 3261(3). She should remove this from her resume and any other future correspondence. Preliminary deny.

Mable, Katharine – Post-degree supervision hours cannot be used for supplementing internship hours. Supplemental internship hours may be an agreement that the applicant works out with the school. The school must be accredited and the internship in the context of a graduate program.

McMahon, Joan – approved for licensure.

Mott, Thomas – coursework deficient by 3 graduate credits in Group 3(3) career development and lifestyle. When he has completed that course he should have his school send transcripts indicating so. It appears the internship is deficient 40 hours. Vermont requires 1000 internship/practicum. When that is complete the Board will need a letter from the school verifying the completion of the 1000 hours. The applicant may sit for the examination with the understanding that a license will not be granted until all requirements are met.

Penkert, Michael – endorsement from NH – the standards in NH are not substantially equivalent to those in Vermont. NH is not equivalent in areas of coursework and internship. To pursue licensure by examination the applicant would need to supplement in the following areas: Group I courses by 1 credit in Human Growth and Development; 1 credit in Groups and 3 credits in professional orientation and ethics. These may be supplemented. In addition he is deficient by 5 credits in Group II courses which may be supplemented in areas of Marriage, couples and family, human sexuality, crisis intervention, addictive disorders and psychopharmacology. The applicant is also deficient by 2 credits in Research and Evaluation in Group III. It is unclear if the applicant has the 1000 hours needed in field experience. Applicant should get a letter from the school verifying total numbers of internship hours in PY 696 and PY 695. Applicant should be referred to the website to review all rules including roster requirement for applicants pursuing supervision or currently providing psychotherapy in Vermont. Applicant would also need to take the NCE should he choose to apply by examination.

III. Correspondence – noted

IV. Hearings/Closing Reports

2008-130 – Approved for closure.

V. Other

A. Continuing education reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator