

Board of Psychological Examiners
Meeting of June 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
89 Main Street, Floor 3, Montpelier, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Marilyn Turcotte, Psy.D. Michael Doyle
Ronald Miller, Ph.D. via phone

Members Absent: James Huitt, Psy.D.

Others Present: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I, and Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The Minutes of May 11, 2018 meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Education:
 - a. Vermont Psychoanalytic One Year Psychoanalytic Seminar Series – approved.
 - b. Vermont Suicide Prevention Symposium – approved.
 - c. Mastering Tough Conversations – approved.
 - d. Brain Health: Mood, Metabolism & Cognition – not approved.
 - e. DBT Seminar Series – approved.
 - f. Depression 101 for Care Coordinators – approved.
 - g. Learning Session Three of the Vermont Child-Parent Psychotherapy – approved.
 - h. Presentations from groups who are doing OD implementation – not approved. Additional information needed.
 - i. Applying NAT/OD to inpatient settings – not approved. Additional information needed.
 - j. Applying NAT/OD to first episode psychosis – not approved. Additional information needed.
 - k. Intentional Peer Support – not approved. Additional information needed.
 - l. Meeting with other trainees to learn of their experience – not approved. Additional information needed.
 - m. Family Meeting – not approved. Additional information needed.
 - n. Consultation on Implementation in Vermont – not approved. Additional information needed.
 - o. Reflecting Process – not approved. Additional information needed.
4. Applications:

Applications for Examination:
Jackson, Zebulon – approved
Rounds, Cody – approved.

Applications for Licensure:
Betz, Emily – approved.
Kaczynski, Michelle – approved.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Susanne Engels – continuing education approved.

6. Topics for Discussion:

a. ASPPB EPPP Part 2:

The Vermont Board of Psychological Examiners voted to approve the following statement respecting proposed changes to EPPP testing and asked that the Office of Professional Regulation post the same to the ASPPB listserv:

On the basis of available information, the State of Vermont Board of Psychological Examiners opposes ASPPB's proposal to require mandatory participation of EPPP examinees in a clinical, EPPP-2 examination.

Vermont law directs the Board to ensure that "[professional] standards are the least restrictive necessary to ensure safe and effective performance." 26 V.S.A. § 3107(7)(A)(i). Addition of new examination requirements may be inconsistent with State policy, inasmuch as the new requirements would introduce additional costs and barriers to entry, in the absence of demonstrated need rooted in protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. We believe any proposal to impose new, clinical examination requirements should be supported by credible empirical evidence demonstrating: (1) that existing testing and supervision requirements are insufficient to prevent unqualified applicants from obtaining licensure; (2) that other means, such as improving supervision, cannot cure that insufficiency, and (3) that new, clinical examination requirements offer a fair, effective, and psychometrically valid means of excluding unqualified applicants from professional practice.

The Board does not wish to discourage innovation in testing and training, but the Board feels equally strongly that significant policy changes should be driven by transparent, public processes originating in state legislatures and governing bodies.

We urge ASPPB to analyze more carefully the full costs and benefits of its proposal, including effects on students of limited means; the continuity of established graduate curricula; and the interstate mobility of psychologists, should states defect from the prevailing testing model.

b. Discussion on how we administer our Master's psychology credential. Attorney Gilman and Dr. Miller will discuss this further.

7. Public Comment

8. The Board adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

2018 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I