

Board of Psychological Examiners
Unapproved Minutes: Meeting of Friday, October 9, 2009
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Lewis, Psy.D. Deborah Wallis, Ph.D.
Richard Root, Ed.D. Michael Doyle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vera Jones

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Novins, OPR Board Counsel
Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Minutes:** Motion by Dr. Root, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2009 as written.

3. **Closing Reports:**

PS04-0108—Dr. Lewis presented this case for closure. Dr. Root moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, to close this complaint. Approved.

4. **Applications:**

Doctorate applications approved for licensure:

a. Heather Lynch, MA

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Root, to approve his applicant for master licensure. Approved.

Ongoing Review Applications:

a. Lydia Greene, Ph.D.

Applications approved to sit the EPPP:

a. Daniel Mitchell, Ph.D.

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Root, to approve this applicant to sit for the EPPP. Approved.

Temporary Licensure Application:

- a. John Randolph, Ph.D.

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Root, to approve this applicant for a temporary license. Approved.

5. Continuing Education Credits:

- a. "The Impact of Trauma on Attachment" - approved for 5 hours of continuing education credit.
- b. "Dialectical Behavior Therapy: Treating Clients with Borderline Personality Disorder and Substance Use Disorders" – approved for 12 hours of continuing education credit.
- c. "Building NESTT: Working with Survivors of Torture". Approved.
- d. Five trainings – approved for 6 continuing education credits for each:
 - "Advanced Mindfulness"
 - "Basic Ethics"
 - "Addictions and Adolescents"
 - "Opioids, Cocaine and Nicotine"
 - "Supervision"
- e. "HeartMath Interventions Certification Program" – approved for 25 hours of continuing education credit.
- f. 3 Trainings:
 - "Attachment, Regulation and Competency" – approved for 5.5 hours of continuing education credits.
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 - "Ethics and the Law: Case Scenarios" – approved for 3 hours of continuing education credits.
- g. "The Transformative Power of Hope" approved for 2.75 hours of continuing education credits.
- h. UVM's Fall Institute on Racism, Heterosexism, Bias and Oppression – approved for Category 1 credit for the pre and post Institute workshops, colloquia, mid-day dialogues, afternoon workshops and films
- i. 9th Annual TriState Advanced Victim Assistance Conference. Approved.
- j. EAP Motivational Interviewing for Behavior Change Training – Approved for Category II credits.
- k. "Multiple Relationships, Clinical Boundaries and Confidentiality: Ethical Challenges in Daily Practice" – approved for 6 hours of continuing education credit.
- l. 8 trainings – approved for 5 continuing education credits for each:
 - "Evidence-Based Happiness Skills for People Suffering from Co-Occurring Disorders"
 - "Enhancing Collaborative Work Environments for Clinical Staff Working with Co-Occurring Disorders"

- “Up-Date on Trauma Treatment and Neurobiological Implications in Co-Occurring Disorders”
- “Emotional Self-Regulation Skills for People Suffering from Co-Occurring Disorders”
- “Advanced Mindfulness-Based Skills for Working with Co-Occurring Disorders”
- “Crisis Intervention Skills for Working with Co-Occurring Disorders”
- “Self-Care and Stress Reduction for Clinical Staff Working with Co-Occurring Disorders”
- “Integrated Relapse Prevention for Co-Occurring Disorders”
- j. “Bridging the Divide”—approved for 6.5 hours of continuing education credit.
- k. “Narcissistic Personality Functioning: A Clinical Understanding Linked to Developmental Research”—approved for 6 Category I credits.
- l. “The DeLarose Movement: Attuning to the Language of the Body in Psychotherapy”—approved for Category I credits.

6. Correspondence

- a. Dr. Theodore Williams sent the Board a letter asking the Board’s position on couples counseling and disability examinations conducted by him and his wife. The Board refers him to the laws and rules. The Board’s practice is to not answer specific legal questions which it may have to address in its adjudicatory function. The law does not authorize the Board to give “advisory opinions”.
- b. Trevor Tebb, Ph.D. sent the Board a letter regarding his education. The Board refers him to the rules which outline what is required to become licensed in Vermont.
- c. ASPPB Survey was reviewed, completed and returned to ASPPB.

7. New Business:

- a. Elections: Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, to reelect Dr. Lewis for Chair of the Board and Dr. Root as Vice-Chair. Approved. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Root, to elect Dr. Wallis as Secretary of the Board. Approved.
- b. Stays and Continuances:
Dr. Wallis moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to authorize the Chair of the Board or legal counsel to grant continuances of hearings. Approved.
Dr. Wallis moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to authorize the Chair to grant or deny stays pending appeals. Approved.
- c. Application Instructions—These need to be updated to reflect current requirements.
- d. Website—FAQ’s need to be updated. General FAQ’s and EPPP Sections need to be updated.
- Policies of the Board should be put out on the web.

8. Continued Business:

- a. Tasks/Goals list
 - b. Rules—The Board continued work on the redraft of the rules.
 - c. Budget
 - d. Colleague Assistance—Dr. Root updated the Board.
 - e. Monica Descamps, Ph.D.—Dr. Root updated the Board on supervision received.
- 9.** Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.
- 10.** Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator