



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
DECEMBER 21, 2023 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Manpreet Mann, Robert Wubbenhorst, Dana Poverman, (Ad Hoc), and Marilyn Turcotte, (Ad Hoc).

Board Members Absent: Christopher Berry and Jessyca Nelle.

Office Staff Present: Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk, Attorney Jennifer Colin, Attorney, Kevin Rushing, Agatha Kessler, Dylan Bruce, and other OPR staff.

Others Present: Joshua Stumpff and Attorney Andrew Pappone.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. The Budget was discussed. This was informational only. There were no recommendations for an increase for this fiscal year.

3. **Minutes**

Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Robert Wubbenhorst, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting as written. Approved.

4. **Hearings**

2023-161 – Joshua Stumpff – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved. Ms. Austin was recused.

2022-262 and 263 – Amanda Gautreaux – A Modification to the Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.

2023-113 and 114 – Ingelore McLaughlin – A Voluntary Surrender Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 10:45 a.m. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.

2023-180 and 181 – Rebecca Ridella – A Voluntary Indefinite Suspension Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved. Mr. Wubbenhorst was recused.

5. **Discussion**

- a. Attorney Eltabbakh presented the Board with a revised policy on pre-degree practicum/internship remote hours. Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to adopt the revised policy on pre-degree internship. Approved.
- b. The Office received a letter regarding employee support and dual relationships. The Board stated that this could be too much of a risk and that they should review the ACA and NBCC Code of Ethics.

6. **Applications**

Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, to approve the actions taken by the Board for the following applications:

- a. De Lemos, Monique – MFT – Traditional endorsement from Florida. There is not statutory or administrative language available which would indicate that Florida requires 3000 hours of post supervision with 2000 of these hours being direct and 1000 of the 2000 begin in couples and/or families. The applicant may apply through examination.
- b. MacKey, Courtney – The Board requested additional information.
- c. Martinez, Yienia – Traditional endorsement from Texas. The Board found that the requirements in Texas were not substantially equivalent because Texas requires a 300-hour internship. There is not statutory or administrative language available which would indicate that Texas requires 3 credits for each course. Vermont requires both the NCE and the NCMHCE examination. Texas requires one of these examinations. The applicant may apply through examination.
- d. Mosher, Kately - Ms. Mosher submitted a request for a waiver of Rule 3.15(b). The rule requires that, in order to ensure that an applicant's supervised practice reflects a current competence for licensure, only supervised practice hours acquired within 5 years of a final decision on licensure may be accepted and Rule 3.19 (b) which requires that a person who commences supervision must have possessed an unencumbered license for no fewer than three years in a permitted supervisory profession. The Board denied these waivers.
- e. Puttgen, Julie – Ms. Puttgen submitted a request for a waiver of Rule 3.23 Licensure by Endorsement. Her application on the basis of endorsement from New Hampshire was previously denied. The Board denied this waiver. The Board reviewed her additional questions and she will be required to meet the requirements on the basis of examinations. This includes the educational, examination and supervision requirements.
- f. Weems, August – Ms. Weems submitted a request for a waiver of Rule 3.15 (b). The rule requires that, in order to ensure that an applicant's supervised practice reflects a current competence for licensure, only supervised practice hours acquired within 5 years of a final decision on licensure may be accepted and Rule 3.14 (a) which requires the examinations be completed within 5 years of the final decision on licensure. The Board denied this waiver.

- g. Welborn, Ryan – The Board has denied this application because he has not met the requirement of Rule 3.8 (d).

7. Continue Education

Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the actions taken by the Board for the following continuing education requests:

ICE 246589 – Trauma Informed School Training – 22 CEUs were approved.

CA 187769 – Ear Acupressure and Ear Acupuncture for Wellness – this request was denied because it does not meet the requirements as outlined in Rule 3.32 (a)(2).

CA 221782 – Bastions of Hope – approved.

8. Public Comment

9. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

10. The Board adjourned at 2:35 p.m.