



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
APRIL 18, 2024 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Robert Wubbenhorst, Marilyn Turcotte, (Ad Hoc), Michael Doyle, (Ad Hoc), and Annie Ramniceanu (Ad Hoc).

Board Members Absent: Jessyca Nelle and Marjorie Trombly.

Office Staff Present: Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Jennifer Colin, Prosecuting Attorney, Wesley Lawrence, Administrative Law Officer, and other OPR staff.

Others Present: Carolyn Crankshaw, Blagorodna Efremovski, Michelle Rauch, Annamarie Cioffari, Amanda Gautreaux, Attorney Shireen Hart, Nancy Snyder, Hannah Lebel, Natalia Holube, Sarah Sanchez, and Sharon Gentry.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. **Minutes**

Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 meeting as written. Approved. Dr. Turcotte abstained from voting.

3. **Hearings**

2022-262 and 263 – Amanda Gautreaux – Removal of Conditions hearing was held. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, to go into deliberative session at 9:35 a.m.

The Board came out of deliberative session at 10:01 a.m. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, to deny the motion to remove the conditions. Approved.

2024-58 and 59 – Claire LeMessurier – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.

4. **Other**

a. VTSU Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed. The Board asked for additional information.

b. The Board reviewed an email regarding maintaining confidentiality in a school setting. The Board did not provide an official statement, but there was a discussion by mental health licensees who have experienced related professional and ethical issues. Board members discussed what considerations should be relayed to the licensee. They are as follows:

- Retaining private counsel regarding their obligations to disclose or retain privacy (HIPAA, FERPA, and Part II play a role here in patient privacy and whether the licensee is subject to those laws);
- Contacting the licensee's liability insurance company;
- Investing in trainings which examine the requirements and distinctions of HIPAA and FERPA. There is a free series on FERPA available through the Federal Department of Education;
- Contacting whatever professional counseling associations they are a part of, including the School Counseling Association, for example;
- Reviewing issues set out in 42 CFR Part 2: who is the client? What does the contract say?, etc.

5. Applications

Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Ramniceanu, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following applications. The motion carried.

Dalton, Olivia - Traditional endorsement from Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is not substantially because it does not require a Diagnosis course, they accept 2 semester credit courses and allow for a variation of exams. Vermont requires a diagnosis course and requires each course to be a 3-semester credit course and requires the NCE and NCMHCE from NBCC. The applicant may apply through examination.

McDonough, Meghan – MFT Traditional endorsement from New York. New York is not substantially equivalent because it does not require the same supervision requirements as Vermont does. It appears that she may meet the requirements for the 3-year fast track basis of licensure.

6. Continuing Education

Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Ramniceanu, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests. The motion carried.

ICE 271578 – Private Practice Management 101 – The Board denied this request because it does not meet the requirements of rule 3.4 (a) (2).

ICE 271581 – Documentation Boot Camp for Private Practitioners – The Board denied this request because it does not meet the requirements of rule 3.4 (a) (2).

ICE 271586 – Supervision Practice Management 101 – 3 hours approved. The morning section of this course the Board denied because it does not meet the requirements of rule 3.4 (a) (2).

CA 235777 – Trauma Informed Supervision – The Board approved 4.75 ceu's.

ICE 275626 – Youth Mental Health First Aid – Additional information is needed.

7. Public Comment
8. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024.
9. The Board adjourned at 11:18 a.m.