

**Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
National Life Bldg., North, Floor 2  
Montpelier, VT**

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

**November 18, 2010**

Members Present: Paul Sahba, Dr. Marilyn Turcotte, Edward Fischer, Marjorie Trombly,  
Tammy Austin and Emma Pudvah, ad hoc. OPR Staff Present: Larry Novins, Diane  
Lafaille, Peter Comart and Carla Preston.

I. General Business

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

B. The minutes of the October 21, 2010 meeting were approved with the following correction: Number II. Judd Walbridge requested that the conditions be taken off from his license. This was tabled. Approved.

II. Hearings/Stipulations/Closings/Other

Judd Walbridge requested that the conditions be taken off from his license. Ms. Pudvah moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to reinstate his Marriage and Family Therapy license with no restrictions. Approved.

III. Applications for Review

Brookens, Robert – He applied for licensure as a mental health counselor on the basis of endorsement of his music therapist certification. The Board is not able to do this. If he wishes he can apply for licensure on the basis of examination and submit course syllabi for the board to properly evaluate his course work.

Headlam, Ronald – Additional information is required regarding his education. He may sit for the examinations.

Heeder, Megan – Her education has been approved.

Mason, Susan – Additional information is needed regarding her education before the Board can make a determination. She must be on the roster to accrue hours toward licensure. The Board does not have the legal authority to circumvent the education laws. Any supervised practice hours accrued unlawfully will not be counted.

Officer, Lindsay – Education has been approved.

Shibley, Matthew – The Board needs additional information regarding his education. He may sit for the examinations.

Smailhodzic, Ordina – She must be rostered, if work in Vermont, for hours to be accepted toward licensure. Internship has been approved. Board needs additional information on education to make a determination.

Swayne, Tamara – Additional information is required regarding her education.

Toulmin, Heather – Need verification of the passage of the NCE and verification of supervision.

Waldron, Shawn – Additional information is required regarding his education.

Witherspoon, James – He needs a course in treatment modalities. He is able to sit for the examinations.

IV. Correspondence – noted

V. Other

A. Continuing education reviewed.

B. The Board wrote to Dr. David Fink advising him of Board rules 3.10 through 3.15, which requires students enrolled in a program to complete an internship of 1000 hours, allowing no more than 100 hours completed in a “practicum”. Thus, as defined by his program, only 100 hours of his students’ 200 hours titled “practicum” may be applied to the 1000 hour requirement. The Board reviewed this again and will be requesting additional information from applicants regarding their practicum/internship hours.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator