

**Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
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Montpelier, VT**

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

January 20, 2011

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

I. General Business

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
- B. The minutes of the December 16, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

II. Hearings/Reinstatements/Closings

- A. 2010-382–Christina Thurston–A Stipulation and Consent Order was scheduled for 8:45. Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to table this until the Board’s February meeting as the Prosecuting Attorney was not available. Approved.

III. Applications for Review

Adams, Amy–Examinations have been successfully completed and her supervision has been approved. The Board awaits an official transcript for a theories course and once this is done, a license will be granted.

Battles, Kathryn–Additional coursework is required.

Daniels, Lisa–The Board needs additional information regarding internship/practicum.

DeMarco, Michael–MHC–License on the basis of endorsement from NY–The standards are not substantially equivalent. He may apply on the basis of examination or apply by the 5 year rule as of June 21, 2011.

DeMarco, Michael–MFT–License on the basis of endorsement from NY–The standards are not substantially equivalent. He may apply on the basis of examination or apply by the 5 year rule as of March 10, 2011.

- DePaul, Anthony—Education has been approved. He may sit for the examinations.
- Digiulio-Schaefer, Aimee—Education has been approved. She may sit for the examinations.
- Graves, Carolyn—Approved for licensure.
- Hansen, William—Education approved. Supervision approved. He may sit for the examinations.
- Heeder, Megan—Approved for licensure.
- Johnson, Kristen—Internship/practicum need to be verified to see if it meets the requirements for licensure. She has passed the NCE and supervision has been approved.
- Krulich, William—Approved for MFT licensure.
- Laventhol, Sarah—The Board would like to speak with her regarding her supervision.
- Oliver-Yeager, Joanne—Education has been approved. She may sit for the examinations.
- Rodriguez, Shelly—Approved for licensure.
- Sicard, Tammy—Approved for licensure on the basis of endorsement from Florida.
- Smailhodzic, Ordina—All coursework approved except for one course. She needs one 3 credit course in Professional Orientation and Ethics.

IV. Correspondence

- A. David Fink wrote the Board stating that Johnson State College is setting up an independent study registration process for those graduates that did not meet the internship requirement and wonders if it matters to the Board the academic structure for registering this independent study. The Board responded that it does not matter to the Board how many academic credits

they award, however they want to ensure that the academic structure for the internship includes faculty oversight and supervision.

- B. Thea Sanforde mailed the Board that she will be graduating from a COAMFTE approved school but will only have accrued 400 hours of internship and asked if this would meet the Board's requirements for licensure. The Board stated that as long as she graduates from a COAMFTE approved school she will be fine.

V. Other

- A. Continuing education was reviewed.
- B. Dr. Turcotte and Mr. Comart will make plans for a Board retreat.
- C. The Board is re-reviewing the standards for licensure in other states to see if they are still considered substantially equivalent to the standards in Vermont.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator