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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
JULY 8, 2022 MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: James Huitt, Psy.D. Richard Root, Ed.D., ABPP
Michael Doyle Ellen Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, Ed.D.
Dr. Carolyn Basiliere, PhD

Staff Present: Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel, Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I,
Devin McLaughlin, Esq., Judge Michael Kupersmith, Hal Schmitter and OPR
Staff.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. Dr. Grimes moved, seconded by Dr. Root, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2022, as written. The motion passed unanimously.
3. 2022-175 – *In re: Hal Schmitter* – A hearing convened on the State’s petition for summary suspension. The respondent was present with his attorney. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:43 a.m. and came out of deliberative session at 11:02 a.m. Dr. Grimes moved, seconded by Dr. Basiliere, to summarily suspend the respondent’s license pending a full hearing on the merits. The motion passed unanimously
4. Other
 - a. The Board discussed the possibility of awarding continuing education credits to members and attendees at board meetings. The Board reviewed a draft policy, provided comment, and will discuss further at its next meeting. Mr. Gilman noted that 3 V.S.A. § 136 establishes a uniform process for periodic evaluation of continuing education requirements and recommended using the § 136 process to vet the idea.
 - b. Enforcement Summary – Dr. Huitt noted that he has been assigned to two investigative cases and Dr. Root noted that he has been assigned to one.
 - c. ASPPB requested feedback on ASPPB Guidelines on Practicum Experience for Licensure. Dr. Huitt will review this and report back to the Board at its August meeting.
 - d. Recruitment by Behavioral Health Applications was noted. Dr. Huitt expressed concern about aggressive recruitment by online counseling platforms.

5. Applications

Dr. Basiliere moved, seconded by Michael Doyle, to approve the actions from the Board as noted below:

- a. Brown, Tomas – Additional information is needed.
- b. Metivier, Jean-Ellen – Education approved.
- c. Muller, Dayna – Approved for master’s licensure on the basis of endorsement from Canada.
- d. Polli, Eliza – Approved for licensure.
- e. Sullivan, Bridget – Approved for licensure.

6. Continuing Education

Dr. Root moved, seconded by Dr. Baliliere, to approve the actions from the Board as noted below:

CA 120773 – Creating a Trauma Informed System – additional information needed.

CA 120770 – Emotional Eating, Chronic Dieting ... - approved.

CA 121785 – Psychedelic Science and Spirituality – approved.

CA 121782 – Suicide Risk Factors & Prevention Strategies for Older Adults – approved.

CA 121775 – Suicide Risk Factors & Prevention Strategies for Men in Middle Years – approved.

ICE 148641 – Boundary Issues & Multiple Relationships in the Real World – approved.

ICE 148640 – Documentation and Record Keeping – approved.

CA 121796 – Nurturing, Valuing, and Protecting LGBTQIA+ Youth – approved.

ICE 148654 – The Transcendental Meditation for Licensed Social Workers – Classroom content approved for 3 ceu’s; no hours approved for meditation – approved.

7. The Board adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

2022 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.