



**Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners**  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MEETING

Present: Tammy Austin, Lynn Irwin, Carol Smith, Shawn Waldron, Michael Doyle, Ad Hoc, Paul Sahba, Ad Hoc, Elizabeth Merrill, Ad Hoc; Absent: Scott Giles; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille and Lauren Layman.

1. General Business

- a. The Board called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
- b. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting as written. Approved.

2. Hearings

- a. 2019-84 – Rose Sheehan – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Mr. Sahba moved, seconded by Elizabeth Merrill, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved. Mr. Irwin was opposed.
- b. 2016-326 and 2019-137 – Armand Henault – A Default Order was heard. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to accept the Default Order. Approved.
- c. 2018-85 – Daniel Roden – A Contested Hearing was held. Mr. Waldon moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to revoke the license. Approved.
- d. 2019-166 – Claire Diamond – A Preliminary Denial Hearing was held. Ms. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to affirm the Board's original decision and to deny the application. Approved.

3. Applications

- a. Bragg-Best, Keiba – The NCE will need to be retaken as it is over 5 years old.
- b. Cormier, Gabrielle – Education review was tabled.
- c. Sheperd, Kristin – Education review was tabled.

4. Continuing Education

- a. Yoga and Mindfulness in the Classroom – approved.
- b. Domestic Violence – Effects on Children – approved.
- c. Domestic Violence – Intimate Partner Violence – approved.

5. Topics for Discussion

- a. Legislative Survey – Attorney Layman stated that the OPR Bill that will be submitted to legislature this year is more workforce issues in Title 3. She said there was nothing specific for the Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners. She said that specifically that OPR intends to propose the following:
  - Barrier to access
  - Pre determination regarding criminal background
  - Endorsement from other states – Uniform policies/a substantially equivalent definition
  - Bridge licensure
  - Continuing education hours across professions
  - Nurse compact
  - Home Contractors

The Board stated that it would like to be consulted and to be able to add its input to some of the issues being addressed before being submitted to Legislature.

Attorney Layman will show the Board how to monitor a bill at its next meeting.

6. Other Business

- a. Elections – Tabled
- b. The Email form AASCB regarding AASCB, ACES, AMHCE and NBCC Endorse New NCLEP 2 Portability Plan was noted.
- c. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2019.

d. The Board adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I