



Board of Psychological Examiners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
AUGUST 13, 2021 MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: Ronald Miller, Ph.D. James Huitt, Psy.D.
Michael Doyle Marilyn Turcotte, Psy.D.

Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel, Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I, Elizabeth Kneen, and Erin Viera. Others: Attorney Sue Edwards and Joanne McGrath.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.
2. Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2021 as written. Approved.
3. 2021=57 – Joanne McGrath – A Preliminary Denial hearing was heard at 9:30 a.m. The Board voted to affirm its original decision.
4. Other
 - a. Requirement for supervisors engaged in post-degree supervision. Tabled
 - b. Uniform 3-year endorsement was discussed. Tabled
 - c. COVID 19 Policy Review – Tabled
 - d. Extended policy for remote supervision to a specific date – Tabled
 - e. Alexandra Altman emailed the Board asking if a pre supervisor needs to be licensed. The Board responded that the practice of the Board has been to require licensure for all supervised practice whether it is pre or post degree.
 - f. ASPPB 2021 Annual Meeting – This is a remote meeting and both Drs. Miller and Turcotte wish to attend.
 - g. JoAnn Burns is requesting through her attorney, that the Office retroactively date her license. Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the Office of Professional Regulation to send a letter stating that she was authorized to practice under Act 6, but was not licensed. Approved. Dr. Miller abstained from voting.

5. Applications:

Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle to approve the actions of the Board as noted below:

Alves, Michael – Supervision approved.

Boyle, David – Education approved.

Buckingham, Sara – Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Huitt, to approve licensure on the basis of endorsement from Alaska. Approved. Dr. Turcotte abstained from voting.

Farrell, Sarah – Supervision approved.

Mihuta, Mary – Education approved.

Van Santen, Frank – Tabled.

6. Continuing Education

Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the following continuing education courses. Approved.

- a. CA 46770 – Open Dialogue in Youth and Family
- b. CA 49765 – Provider Bias Awareness to Address Disparities and Inequalities
- c. CA 48777 – Vermont Suicide Prevention Symposium 2021
- d. CA 53770 – Diversity Made Simple

7. Legislation

Attorney Layman shared the letter received from the General Assembly asking the Office of Professional Regulation to conduct a preliminary assessment of the proposal to expand the scope of psychological practice to include prescribing certain medications.

Dr. Huitt will update the Board at its next meeting regarding the Telehealth Taskforce.

8. The Board adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

2021 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10.