



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
AUGUST 17, 2023 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Marjorie Trombly, Mann Manpreet, Robert Wubbenhorst, and Michael Doyle (Ad Hoc).

Office Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II; Kelsi Alger, Acting Docket Clerk, Attorney Rachel Heath, Wesley Lawrence, ALO, and other OPR staff.

Others Present: Lydia, Tonya Magoon, and Amanda Silva

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, meeting as written. Motion approved.
3. **Hearing**

2023-47 – Tonya Magoon – A Preliminary Denial Hearing was held at 9:15 a.m. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to go into deliberative session at 10:45 a.m. Deliberative session ended at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, to deny the Preliminary Denial as presented and to approve the Non-Licensed and Non-Certified Psychotherapy registration with conditions. Approved.
4. **Discussion**
 - a. Amanda Silva spoke with the Board about the internship she received. The Board will make a final determination on this at its September meeting.
5. **Applications**

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to accept the decisions on all applications reviewed.
 - a. Francis, Uvoltta - Traditional endorsement from Arizona. The Board approved this application in accordance with Rule 3.23(a).
 - b. Govendo, Lara – Ms. Govendo asked the Board to waive the educational requirements. Specifically, one 3 credit graduate course in Treatment Modalities and one 3 credit course in either Human Sexuality for Counselors, Crisis Intervention,

Addictive Disorders, or Psychopharmacology. The Board denied the waiver request.

- c. Lilly, Steven – Mr. Lilly submitted a course description for “Gender Affirming Clinical Practice” and asked if it would meet the Human Sexuality course required for licensure. The Board reviewed and determined that it would not meet the requirement because it does not include content across all populations.
 - d. Port, Julia – Traditional endorsement from Massachusetts. The Board found that Massachusetts requirements are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s because Massachusetts requires 960 direct practice hours and Vermont requires 2000.
 - e. Puttgen, Julie – Traditional endorsement from New Hampshire. At the Board’s last meeting, the Board found that the requirements in New Hampshire were not substantially equivalent because New Hampshire does not require 2000 direct practice hours. Ms. Puttgen submitted documentation showing that New Hampshire does require 3000 hours of post practice. However, there is no statutory or administrative language available which would indicate that New Hampshire requires 2000 of the 3000 hours be direct practice hours. The applicant may apply through examination.
 - f. Weem, August – The Board previously denied application based on traditional endorsement from Texas. Ms. Weem requested the Board waive Rule 3.23 c (3). This rule allows for licensure for applicants who have been in “active practice” no fewer than five years. “Active practice” as used in this section means applicant has practiced clinical mental health counseling more than an average of 20 hours per week for 48 weeks per year. There was a one-year gap in practice while applicant was in Texas. The Board denied this waiver. The applicant may apply through examination.
 - g. Zorn, Jessica – Ms. Zorn submitted a request for a waiver of Rule 3.15(b). The rule requires that, in order to ensure that an applicant’s supervised practice reflects a current competence for licensure, only supervised practice hours acquired within 5 years of a final decision on licensure may be accepted. The Board denied this waiver.
6. Continue Education
- ICE 226612 – EMDR – Additional information is needed.
7. Public Comment: None
8. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for September 21st, 2023.
9. The Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m.