



Board of Psychological Examiners
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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
DECEMBER 11, 2020 MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

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

Members Absent: Michael Doyle

Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney and Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I.
Others: Christine Semler and Theodore Studdert-Kennedy.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m.
2. Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2020 meeting as written. Approved.
3. Other
 - a. The Board reviewed the Summary forms. The Office will review and bring back to the Board for final review at its January meeting.
 - b. Janet Pippin Orwig of ASPPB will speak with the Board regarding PSYPACT at its January meeting.
 - c. Brandon Gray – Tabled
 - d. The Board had a discussion on the number of supervisees in post degree supervision per supervisor. Dr. Huitt and Attorney Layman will look to see what other states currently have in place and Dr. Miller will look at ASPPB codes. This will be further reviewed at the Board's next meeting.
 - e. Attorney Layman discussed updates to the OPR COVID-19 policy guidance for the mental health professions. The Board made some changes. This will be brought back to the Board for review at its January meeting.
 - f. Legislative updates about the upcoming General Assembly session were discussed. Attorney Layman reported that OPR would introduce its regular maintenance bill and that the psychology prescribing bill was likely to be reintroduced. If the legislature directs

OPR to do a scope expansion review on this matter, OPR will conduct it in accordance with Act 178, Section 16, unless the legislature instructs otherwise or requires an alternative type of review. If OPR is instructed to do a review in accordance with Act 178, Section 16, it will include the position of the Board, if any, in the resulting report.

4. Applications:

Applications for licensure review:

Cook, Veronica – Education approved.

Farrell, Sarah – Education approved.

Semler, Christine – Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Dr. Huitt, that her education needs to be supplemented with a psychopathology course. Approved.

Van Santen, Frank – Additional review is needed.

Waite, Jill – Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Dr. Huitt, that her education needs to be supplemented with a psychopathology course. Approved.

5. Continuing Education

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

Preventing Racial Sensitivity in Clinical Practice & Beyond

Quality Care

ARC Framework

Telehealth Certification Training

Rewire the Anxious Brain

6. The Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

2021 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10.