

**Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
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Montpelier, VT**

**BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES**

JUNE 18, 2009

Members Present: Paul Sahba, Marilyn Turcotte, and Edmund Fischer. Absent: Marjorie Trombly. OPR Staff Present: Diane Lafaille and Larry Novins.

I. General Business

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
- B. The minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting was approved as written.

II. Applications for Review

Austin, Taryn – Supervision hours from Sheryl Bellman approved. She needs 5 more months of supervised practice to be licensed. She should note the ratio of supervision is one hour of supervision for every 30 hours of practice.

Burnham, Michelle – Coursework is approved pending receipt of a certified transcript indicating a graduation date. The current transcript does not have a date filled in. She may sit for the exams.

Capron, Christi – Abnormal Psych course approved. She still needs documentation of other course requirements outlined in May 21, 2009 minutes.

Columbia, Erin – She sent a letter asking if she could take a 3 credit graduate course in psychopharmacology which the Board stated was fine.

Fontana, Thomas – approved for licensure.

Fournier, Carol – She needs 6 more hours of supervision and 180 hours of practice to meet the licensure requirement.

Fox, Benjamin – Although the Board does not pre-approve courses, the descriptions provided, if attached to a transcript, are likely to be approved. Supervision cannot be approved without the annual evaluation attached and must state that the supervisor recommends him for independent practice. Exams still need to be passed.

Johnson, Megan – Both exams passed. Supervision cannot start before graduation. Consequently, she is 2 weeks short of the 24 month requirement. She needs to submit additional supervision verification to equal 24 months of post-graduation.

LsSante, Lauren – Coursework approved. Supervision approved. She may sit for the exams.

Lash, Michele – The Board is unable to find any evidence that her coursework (her degree) qualifies as a mental health degree as defined in the rules for licensure. Although the Board was able to identify 4 courses that met some of the educational requirements, there was not enough to qualify the degree. The Board was also unable to find any evidence that the applicant holds an active license in another jurisdiction, which is the basis of endorsement. The Board appreciates the skill and experience of the applicant, but unfortunately, the Board cannot use that as the basis for licensure. The Board strongly advises the applicant to make a thorough and careful reading of all the rules, and based on the rules if she believes she can provide the Board with information and evidence that would qualify her for licensure, that she send that evidence to them.

Mejia, Ximena – Approved for licensure.

Milner, Robin – Approved for licensure.

Mott, Thomas – The Board received the UVM transcript verifying completion of career and lifestyle course. The Board received a letter from school verifying 1000 hours of internship. Coursework has been approved. The Board received supervision reports. The applicant has earned a total of 1090 hours supported by 37 hours of supervision. He needs 1910 hours (920 of which may be indirect service) supported by 63 hours of supervision (50 of which may be group supervision). He should not the ratio for supervision: 1 hour of supervision for every 30 hours of practice is required.

Myers, Elizabeth – The Board received the UVM transcript showing completion of Measurements and Addictions. She still needs Research and Theories. She may sit for the examination with the understanding tat she cannot be licensed until all requirements are fulfilled.

Namy, Cherrie – The Board has the impression that the applicant believes she needs a course in Counseling Theories. This is not the case. She needs a course in Counseling Skills. The course syllabus she sent is for theories. She must complete a course in counseling skills and the Board must have an official transcript from the school showing that course.

Pennock, Lydia – Approved to take the exams.

Scotes, Athena – Approved for licensure under the 5 year rule.

Smith, Lauren – The Board needs a course description for CAPG 375 Substance Treatment. Also send a letter from the school verifying the numbers of hours completed for practicum and her 2 internships. Supervision provided has been approved. However, Vermont law requires 24 months of post-degree work, 2000 hours of direct service, 1000 hours indirect service, and 100 hours of supervision (with a 1:30 ration of supervision to practice hours). The Board currently has 1 report of supervision from Bridget Glenshaw. She needs to submit any other post-degree supervision report she has, if any, to meet the licensing requirements. She may use any supervised, clinical work since graduation. NCMHCE passed. She may sit for the NCE with the understanding that the substance abuse course description must meet the Boards requirements and the internship hours also must meet the Boards requirements in order for the coursework to be approved.

Todd, Douglas – MFT – Approved for licensure.

Vock Duprat, Diane – Approved for licensure.

Wasmus, Ulrike – Supervision has been approved and she has passed both exams. The Board still needs an official transcript showing that she has successfully completed the counseling skills course.

III. Correspondence – noted

IV. Other

A. Continuing education reviewed.

B. AASCB Dues of \$600 approved for payment.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator