



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
JANUARY 18, 2024 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Jessyca Nelle, Robert Wubbenhorst, Marjorie Trombly, and Judith Wernecke (Ad Hoc).

Board Members Absent: Christopher Berry and Manpreet Mann.

Office Staff Present: Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Jennifer Colin, Chief Prosecutor, and other OPR staff.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. **Minutes**

Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2023, meeting as written. Approved.

3. **Hearings**

2018-67 – Mari Hill – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 9:15 a.m. Ms. Trombly moved to go into deliberative session at 9:10 a.m., seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst. Approved. Deliberative session ended at 9:29 a.m. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved. Ms. Austin was recused.

4. **Discussion**

a. At the Board's February 15th meeting it will discuss New York requirements for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor to determine if they are substantially equivalent to those of Vermont.

5. **Applications**

a. Patxi, Martinez – Traditional endorsement from Texas. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to deny the application by endorsement because the requirements in Texas are not substantially equivalent because Texas requires a 300-hour internship. Additionally, there is no statutory or administrative language available which would indicate that Texas requires 3 credits for each course. Vermont requires both the NCE and the NCMHCE examination. Texas requires one of these examinations. The applicant may apply through examination. Motion passed.

- b. Straker, Karin – Traditional endorsement from Texas or New York. The requirements in Texas are not substantially equivalent because Texas requires a 300-hour internship. There is no statutory or administrative language available which would indicate that Texas requires 3 credits for each course. Vermont requires both the NCE and the NCMHCE examination. Texas requires one of these examinations. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to approve this application for endorsement from New York pending state verification of 3 credit courses and successful completion of the NCE. Approved. Ms. Austin will reach out to the New York Board.
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024.
- 8. The Board adjourned at 10:15 a.m.