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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MARCH 10, 2023, MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: James Huitt, Psy.D. Richard Root, EdD., ABPP
Dr. Marilyn Turcotte Michael Doyle

Members Absent: Ellen Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, Ed.D.
Carolyn Basiliere, Ph.D.

Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney, Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II, and other OPR Staff

Others Present: Theo Kennedy, Esq., Dr. Richard Barnett, and Dr. Nicole Breslend

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Dr. Root moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2023 with a typo correction. (Page 1 #4 Other (b) the wording should be, "the practicum course" instead of, "that practicum course".) The motion passed unanimously.
3. Additions to Agenda
 - Application for Joan Marsh-Reed
 - Continuing education requests for the following:
 - CA 173770 – Child Parent Psychotherapy Diversity-Informed Reflective Practice
 - CA 173775 – Child Parent Psychotherapy Learning Collaborative – Implementation Level
4. Other
 - a. Attorney Layman updated the Board on the legislative session, which included discussion about legislation related to the adoption of PsyPact and legislation authorizing psychologists to prescribe certain medications. Attorney Kennedy and Dr. Barnett added to the discussion. The Board will discuss the prescribing bill at its April meeting when the full Board is available to discuss and potentially vote on if it supports the current proposed legislation.

5. Applications

Dr. Root moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following applications:

- a. Breslend, Nicole – Application approved for licensure.
- b. Marsh-Reed, Joan – Additional information is needed for supervision. Once this information is obtained, the license can be issued.
- c. Weierstall, Karen – The Board reviewed the application submitted for doctoral-level licensure. The Board reviewed the applicant's transcript from their doctorate degree and determined that the doctorate degree does not meet the requirements as outlined in Administrative Rules 2.5, 2.6, and 2.9. Based on this, the Board preliminarily denied Dr. Weierstall's application for doctorate-level licensure.
- d. Wein-Senghas, Alicia – Application approved for licensure.

6. Continuing Education

Dr. Root moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. CA 172774 – Review of Common Psychiatric Conditions – approved.
- b. CA 170784 – Culture, Communications, Connection – approved.
- c. CA 172778 – Transforming Trauma – approved.
- d. CA 170791 – Introduction to Trauma – approved.
- e. ICE 207674 - Core Skills Emotion Focused Therapy – approved.
- e. ICE 208684 – Preoccupied Attachment – approved.
- g. ICE 208683 – Dreams and Affects – Additional information is needed.
- h. ICE 208682 – Working with Depression – Additional information is needed.
- i. ICE 208681 – Slavery Syndrome – Additional information is needed.
- j. CA 170794 – The Impact of Pornography Use and Access to Sexualized Media ... - approved.
- k. CA 172791 – Advanced Ethics for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder – approved.
- l. Vermont Geriatrics Conference – approved.

- m. CA 173770 – Child Parent Psychotherapy Diversity-Informed Reflective Practice – approved.
 - n. CA 173775 – Child Parent Psychotherapy Learning Collaborative – Implementation Level – approved.
- 7. Public Comment – Attorney Theo Kennedy and Dr. Richard Barnett spoke with the Board regarding Bill H.428 Prescribing.
 - 8. The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

2023 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8