

Board of Psychological Examiners

Meeting of January 11, 2013
32 College Street, Schulmaier Hall, Montpelier, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Root, Ed.D Deborah Wallis, Ph.D.
 Ronald Miller, Ph.D. Susan Jan Belville

Members Absent: Michael Doyle

Others Present: Peter Comart, Unit Administrator, Larry Novins, Board Attorney, Diane Lafaille,
 Licensing Board Specialist and Rosanna Lax.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the December 14, 2012 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. **Closings/Case Manger's Report**

Case Managers Report – Tabled until the Board's next meeting.

4. **Continuing Education Credits for Review:**
 - a. "Toward Cultural and Linguistic Competency – approved.
 - b. Dialectical Behavior Therapy – approved.
 - c. Symposium – approved
 - d. Solving Problems Collaboratively – approved.

5. **Applications:**
 - a. The following applicants are seeking approval to sit for the EPPP Examination:
 Brisson, Nicole, Ph.D. – additional information needed.
 - b. The following applicant's are seeking temporary license approval:
 Errico, Austin, Ph.D.
 Randolph, John, Ph.D.

Ms. Belville moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, to approve these applicant's for temporary licensure. Approved.

- c. The following applicant is seeking approval for licensure:
 Dorr, Michael, MS

Ms. Belville moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, to approve him for licensure. Approved.

6. Other

- a. The Board reviewed forms for Individual, Small Group and Large Group continuing education. Mr. Comart will make any necessary corrections and place these on the Board's website.
- b. Continuing Education Presenters. It was noted that the current rules do not indicate that one must hold a mental health degree/license to present a continuing education course. The Board will review this at a later time if needed.
- c. Interpretation of 4.4 and 4.12 – The Board will be sending a letter to all applicants who hold a trainee license with the Board's interpretation of this rule, which is:

4.4 Supervisor Prerequisites: This is a substantial change as it requires that for post-degree supervision that commences after November 18, 2012, a supervisor must have a minimum of three years of licensed practice in good standing before supervision is begun, and be in good standing at all times during the period of supervision. This Rule further clarifies that both supervisor and supervisee share responsibility for ensuring that supervision meets the requirements of the Rules (and is therefore applicable to the licensure process).

If one began supervision before November 18, 2012 with a supervisor who is licensed but who has not been licensed already for three years, this rule does not apply to this particular supervisory relationship, and is consistent with the Rule. However, if you end supervision with this same supervisor, and then either initiate supervision with a second supervisor, or decide to return to this supervisor for additional post-degree supervision for purposes of licensure, then Rule 4.4 will apply to these subsequent supervisory relationships. Under such circumstances, if either the second supervisor does not meet the criteria of Rule 4.4, or the first supervisor still has not met Rule 4.4, the supervisory hours would not be applicable to licensure.

4.12 Supervised Practice Completion Time: This section again introduces new time-based conditions on the supervisory relationship; namely that in order for post-degree supervised practice to count towards licensure it may not be completed in less than one year; except under exceptional unforeseen circumstances, in any year of supervision a trainee must complete at least 700 hours of supervised practice; and supervised practice hours must be acquired within 5 years of the completion of the application for licensure. Rule 4.14 also specifies that no more than 40 hours of supervised practice may be acquired in any week.

- d. ASPPB meeting April 11-14, 2013 will be discussed at the Board's next meeting.
- e. Re-writing the jurisprudence exam will be discussed at the Board's next meeting.

7. Correspondence

a. Dr. William Cunningham wrote the Board asking where a complaint regarding work of a psychological trainee should be directed and that would be to this Board through the Office of Professional Regulation. He also asked about oversight/guidance/supervision of a psychological intern after the 4,000 hour supervised practice period and whether the professional liability extends from the place of current employment to the previous supervising psychologists. Unfortunately, the Board and the Office cannot provide answers to those questions. We are not authorized to give legal advice or opinions to practitioners. It is the Board's practice not to answer specific legal questions which it may have to address in its adjudicatory function, that is, in the course of deciding a disciplinary complaint.

8. The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

2013 Scheduled meetings of the Board: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Lafaille
Licensing Board Specialist