



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
MAY 18, 2023 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Marjorie Trombly, Annie Ramniceanu (Ad Hoc), Michael Doyle (Ad Hoc), and Marilyn Turcotte (Ad Hoc).

Board Members Absent: Christopher Berry

Office Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney, Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; and other OPR staff.

Others Present: Ed Adrian, Esq., and Tonya Magoon

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023, meeting. Approved. Mr. Doyle abstained.
3. **Additions to agenda**
 - a. Applications:
Englert, Alexandra
Nelle, Jessyca
 - b. Vermont State University Memorandum of Understanding updates
4. **Discipline**
 - a. *In re Kristen Connolly*, Docket Numbers 2022-201, 2022-202, 2022-203, and 2023-79, Stipulation of Voluntary Surrender Hearing
 - The Board went into deliberative session at 12:13 p.m. The Board reconvened at 12:25 p.m. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to accept the Stipulation of Voluntary Surrender as presented. Motion passed.
 - b. *In re Tonya Magoon*, Docket Number 2023-47, Stipulation and Consent Hearing
 - The Stipulation and Consent Order was withdrawn.

5. **Discussion**

- a. Vermont Telehealth Licenses & Supervisor License Jurisdiction (Rules 3.19 (a) and 4.20 (b)) Policy and Rulemaking Discussion – The Board will continue to address this at its June meeting.
- b. Legislative Update – Attorney Eltabbakh noted that there was nothing new to report.
- c. Vermont State University Memorandum of Understanding updates – The Board requested course descriptions.
- d. The Board discussed what constitutes substantial equivalence under 26 V.S.A. §§ 3268 and 4039. The Board reviewed their policy that finds 1500 direct, post-graduate supervised practice hours to be substantially equivalent to the required 2000 direct, post-graduate supervised practice hours for applications submitted on the basis of endorsement. The Board will consider whether changes need to be made to rule-based education requirements during rulemaking. Attorney Eltabbakh noted that this is a question that the Mental Health Study required by Act 117 (2022) can help address.

6. **Applications**

- a. Englert Alexandra – Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, that Florida’s LMHC licensing requirements are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s because Florida only requires 1500 total hours of post-graduation supervised practice, not 3000 hours as is required in Vermont. Endorsement denied. The applicant may apply through examination.
- b. Nelle, Jessyca – Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to not accept the report of supervision submitted by Christina Glowac because the supervision did not meet the requirements of Rule 3.15(a) stating that “Supervised practice...means post-master’s practice of clinical mental health counseling.” Approved.
- c. Silva, Amanda – The Board reviewed documentation submitted for internship. The Board needs a description of what the internship entailed and how the time was allotted to determine whether Rule 3.13 requirements have been met.
- d. Zambetti, Ron – Education Review. The Board continued the review of Mr. Zambetti’s application and will continue its discussion at the June Board meeting.

7. **Continuing Education Review**

Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. ICE-209988 – Clinical Journeys – The Board approved 36 hours of CEUs.
- b. ICE-214635 – How to Build a High Performance Team – Additional information is needed.

- c. ICE-211575 – Training Meetings – Additional information is needed.
- 8. Public Comment - None
- 9. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for June 15th, 2023.
- 10. The Board adjourned at 1:42 p.m.