



Board of Psychological Examiners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
OCTOBER 11, 2019 MEETING

Members Present: James Huitt, Psy.D. Michael Doyle
Ronald Miller, Ph.D.

Members Absent: Marilyn Turcotte, Psy.D.

Others Present: Lauren Hibbert, Director, Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney and Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2019 meeting with the following correction: 3(b), last paragraph should read, "The Board recommends the licensees be emailed to clarify the Board's role in reviewing the letter." Approved. See below:

At the Board's September 2019 meeting it reviewed a bulk mailing from Vermont Care Partners and multiple State agencies to all mental-health providers. At this meeting, it considered sending an email to its licensees reciting its position as stated in the November 9, 2018 minutes of the meeting. Upon consideration of the Board's recommendation to sending an email to the Boards licensees regarding the Vermont Care Partners letter, the Office notified the Board that an email was not possible and recommended posting the November 2018 Board Minutes, which reflect the Board's position on the letter, on the Office website. The Board restates its position on the letter, as memorialized in the November 2018 minutes below:

5 (c). The Board reviewed the draft communication proposed by Vermont Care Partners relative to the use of crisis services by clinicians. The Board does not believe direct review and approval or disapproval is within its enumerated powers and duties, but is grateful to have been consulted as a stakeholder. The Board made suggestions for amendments. Specifically, it may be best not to specify that contact information should be included in disclosure of information forms, as there is no such requirement in rule or statute. It may be best to remove language suggesting that medication management planning is a primary obligation of non-prescribing clinicians. Finally, it may be best to soften language that suggested an absolute obligation of clinicians to ensure complete continuity of care, as the reasonable conduct of a licensee can be context specific, based on available resources and ability to anticipate crises.

Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting as written. Approved.

3. Correspondence
 - a. The Board reviewed an email from Sarah Stanley regarding post degree supervision. The Board stated that she would need to apply for licensure and have documentation submitted for it to review.

4. Other
 - a. ASPPB dues of \$2330.00 were approved.
 - b. Attorney Layman updated the Board on the Charles S. Simonds matter.
5. Continuing Education:
 - a. Family Therapy – approved.
 - b. Transforming Grief & Loss – approved.
 - c. COUN 636 Theory & Practice of Multicultural Counseling – approved for 30 continuing education credits.
 - d. Neuroscience for Clinicians: Brain Change for Stress, Anxiety, Trauma, Moods, and Substance Abuse – approved.
 - e. High-Functioning Autism: Proven & Practical Interventions for Challenging Behavior in Children, Adolescents & Young – approved.
 - f. From the dead mother to a living discourse: Transformations in the work of Andre Green – approved.
 - g. Emotional Manipulation: Effective Strategies to Manage the Manipulator & Empower Their Victims – approved.
 - h. Rewire the Anxious Brain: Neuroscience-Informed Treatment of Anxiety, Panic and Worry – approved.
 - i. 2019 State of Vermont Department of Mental Health: Better Together – Alliances in Mental Health and Wellness – approved.
 - j. ABC's of the Synergy of CBD, THC, and HYP – approved.
 - k. Attachment, Regulation, Competency Treating Traumatic Stress in Children & Adolescents – approved.
 - l. Silent Psychiatric Emergencies: Serotonin Syndrome and Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome – approved.
 - m. Equity Conference – approved.
 - n. Legal and Ethical Challenges Confronting Mental Health Professionals – approved.
 - o. Collaborative Network Approach – approved for 30 continuing education credits.
 - p. National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training – 24 Individual continuing education credits approved.
6. Applications:

Applications for education review:

 - Harmeling, Sarah – approved for licensure.
 - McKelvey, Catherine – approved for licensure.
 - Tomasi, David – approved for licensure.
7. Other:
 - a. Elections – Tabled. Attorney Layman walked the board through the Office election policy.
8. Public Comment
9. The Board adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

2019 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: November 8 and December 13.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I