



Board of Psychological Examiners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
DECEMBER 10, 2021 MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

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

Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel, and Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I.

Others Present: Dr. Richard Barnett and Theodore Studder Kennedy, Esq.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:44 a.m.
2. Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Dr. Huitt, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2021 with a correction on adding "Others Present" to the minutes. Approved.
3. Other
 - a. The Board reviewed the results of a survey regarding supervisors engaged in supervision.
 - b. Uniform 3-year endorsement was discussed. OPR has finalized a policy document guiding the Director's review of a profession's request for more restrictive endorsement requirements. Dr. Huitt will review and help to complete the request to be submitted to Director Hibbert.
 - c. The Board reviewed the results of a survey regarding the proposed expansion of the scope of practice for doctorate psychologists to include prescribing.
 - d. The Board was asked to review the petition to expand the scope of practice for doctoral psychologists in Vermont to include prescribing authority.

Mr. Doyle moved to support the bill as it is currently written. The motion was not seconded.

Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to oppose the bill as it is currently written. Dr. Huitt withdrew this motion.

Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte to oppose H. 392 as currently drafted but to state that the legislative efforts in Iowa and Illinois, which include enhanced educational requirements, enhanced supervision requirements, and population limits, offer benefits to the public that justify associated risks.

Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the following statement regarding the petition to expand the scope of practice for doctoral psychologists in Vermont to include prescribing authority:

“The Board opposes H. 392 as currently drafted and to state that the legislative efforts in Iowa and Illinois, which include enhanced educational requirements, enhanced supervision requirements, and population limits, offer benefits to the public that justify associated risks. The Board is also concerned that establishing laws distinguishing the scopes of practice of masters and doctoral level licensees undermines the original legislative intent that these licensees have the same scope of practice. Should the legislation be amended, the Board would appreciate the opportunity to review it again and offer its perspective.”

Motion approved.

4. Applications:

Alves, Michael – Licensure approved.
Kenyon, Nancy – Tabled
Polli, Eliza Education approved.
Smith, Madison - Education approved.
Wein-Senghas, Alicia – Education approved.

5. Continuing Education

CA-68780 – Ethics Training for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Clinicians – approved.

ICE-74648 Case Review/Ethics – Additional information is needed.

6. The Board adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

2022 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 11, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.