



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
NOVEMBER 16, 2023 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Manpreet Mann, Robert Wubbenhorst, Marjorie Trombly, Jessyca Nelle, 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, Attorney Jennifer Colin, Attorney George Hasselback, and other OPR staff.

Others Present: Noah Weinstein, Gretchen Lewis, Mari Hill, Joshua Stumpff, Attorney Jennifer McDonald, Attorney Andrew Pappone, and Efremovski Blagorodna.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. **Minutes**

Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Robert Wubbenhorst, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting as written. Approved. Dr. Turcotte abstained.

3. **Hearing**

2022-244-248 and 2023-73 and 139 – Gretchen Lewis – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to go into deliberative session at 9:43 a.m. Deliberative session ended at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.

2023-161 – Joshua Stumpff – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to go into deliberative session at 10:42 a.m. Deliberative session ended at 10:53 a.m. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.

2018-67 – Mari Hill – A Reinstatement Hearing was heard. A Stipulation and Consent Order will be drafted and presented to the Board at a future meeting.

4. **Discussion**

- a. The Board discussed NVU internship. NVU has requested that the Board review its Administrative Rules to determine if one met the educational requirements for a clinical mental health counselors license except that the internship was in school counseling instead of clinical mental health counseling, if this could be accepted or supplemented post degree. The Board's current rules do not allow for an internship to be supplemented post degree and the rules do not allow for the internship to be in school counseling as outlined in Rule 3.8 (g).
- b. Sarah Buckingham submitted an email regarding the COVID Emergency Policy for Practicum Internship hours. This policy has expired. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to extend the deadline to coincide with the completion of the mental health licensing study. Approved. Attorney Eltabbakh will draft a policy for the Board to review at its next meeting.
- c. Elections were held. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly to elect Tammy Austin as Chair, Marjorie Trombly as Vice Chair and Manpreet Mann as Secretary. Approved.

5. **Applications**

- a. MacKey, Courtney – The Board has begun the review of her education. This will continue at its November meeting.
- b. Silva, Amanda – Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Nelle, to deny this application because it does not meet pre-degree internship requirements as outlined in Rule 3.8 (g). Approved.
- c. Welborn, Ryan – The Board will continue the review of his education at its November meeting.

6. **Continue Education**

CA 191814 – Understanding Hoarding Disorders – Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to deny this request because it does not meet the requirements as outlined in Rule 3.35 (a)(2). Approved.

ICE 244576 – Crisis Intervention Team – Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Wubbenhorst, to deny this request because it does not meet the requirements as outlined in Rule 3.32 (a)(2).

ICE 246589 – Trauma Informed School Training – Additional information is needed.

CA 207778 – The Immersive Project of Formal Analytic Training – Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve this course. Approved.

7. **Public Comment**

- 8. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2023.

9. The Board adjourned at 3:37 p.m.