

**Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
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Montpelier, VT**

**BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 17, 2009**

Members Present: Paul Sahba, Marjorie Trombly, Tammy Austin and Edmund Fischer;  
Dr. Marilyn Turcotte. OPR Staff Present: Diane Lafaille and Larry Novins.

**I. General Business**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
- B. The minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting was approved as written.

**II. Complaints**

1996-80 William Scott Gemmell – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard.

**III. Applications for Review**

Atwell-Hall, Susan – Approved for licensure.

Bindrum, Adam – Approved for licensure.

Brisson, Nicole – Approved for licensure.

Brown, Owen – Education approved. He may sit for the exams.

Denney, Elaina – The Board requires clear course descriptions that clearly correspond to course titles on the transcript. They also need completed course descriptions from course credits transferred in from other accredited graduate programs. Once this is received the Board will process her application.

Ghalamzan, Momtaz – She came to speak with the Board to determine the status of her application.

Grant, Alison – Approved for licensure.

Guilbault, Jeanne – Approved for licensure.

Hall, Daniel – The Board is finding that his education is deficient in Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment. Documentation that coursework met criteria would be necessary. In addition, there is a deficit in Treatment Modalities. The Board needs documentation showing that the coursework meets the criteria. Courses can only be utilized once and cannot count towards other requirements. Clarification around the number of internship/practicum hours is needed as well. Only 100 hours can be counted toward hours from practicum. The overall number appear to be deficient 120 hours. Further clarification is required.

Hibler, Sarah – In the letter dated 8/21/09 the board requested that she complete a group 1 course (3) counseling skills. This course still hasn't been completed. The Board is not questioning her current skills. The counseling skills course is a requirement for licensure. Schools and state licensing boards do not necessarily have the same requirements. Vermont law outlines the requirements for licensure in Vermont and the board does not have the authority to modify those requirements. If she can provide documentation that shows completion of a counseling skills course from Leslie, the Board would be happy to review that documentation. The Board finds that she still needs a 3 credit course in Group 2 (2), (3), (4), or (5).

Hunter, Michael – He has passed both exams and his education has been approved. The Board received a supervision report from Christine Smith. The Board requires the supervisor to provide accurate numbers of hours of direct and indirect practice hours and individual and group supervision hours. The Board needs the supervisor to resubmit the report (1<sup>st</sup> page) using accurate numbers.

LaSante, Lauren – Approved for licensure.

Mattulke, Jody – 1) there does not appear to be a diagnostics course using DSM 2) There does not appear to be a Group 1 course in Human Growth and Development or Professional Orientation and Ethics, or Treatment Modalities 3) Course EDCC640 may meet the requirement for Group 1 course 2 (theories) but the Board needs a course syllabus 4) The Board needs a course syllabus for ED595 Seminars and ED699 Graduate Project directly from the school 5) Coursework is deficient in Group 3 course 1 (Multicultural Studies) 6) The Board needs a letter of verification from the school that 1,000 hours of internship was completed. The Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment course is required within the degree in order for the program to meet the definition of a mental health degree according to Vermont rules. Only up to 6 credits may be supplemented in Group 1 courses. More than 6 credits deficient in Group 1 disqualifies the program as one in mental health counseling. She needs to provide the board with additional information.

McGinn Slauson, Jeannie – Her coursework is deficient in Group 2 (one 3 credit course needed in Human Sexuality, Crisis Intervention, Addiction Disorders or Psychopharmacology) and Group 3 (Multicultural Studies and Career Development are needed). Coursework for ethics are approved for ethics requirement, only 3 credits were needed and courses do not apply to other requirements. For Group 1 groups is still needed. She may sit for the examinations with the understanding that all requirements must be met before licensure can be considered.

Roman, Marion – Approved for licensure.

Smith, Lauren – Upon review of information provided by the school (Northeastern University), the number of internship (600 hours) and practicum (100 hours) equals 700 hours completed. The rules require a 1000 hour internship. The Board does not have the authority to bend the rules even for well qualified applicants. Consequently, she will have to complete an additional 300 hours of supervised internship to be licensed. This can be completed as an independent study or in a formal class. Internship setting can be determined by the applicant and the school.

IV. Correspondence – noted

V. Other

A. Continuing education reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator