



**Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners**  
**Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

89 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor · Montpelier, VT 05620-3402  
Tel. (802) 828-2390 - [sos.vermont.gov/opr/](http://sos.vermont.gov/opr/)

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
February 20, 2020 MEETING

Present: Tammy Austin, Lynn Irwin, Shawn Waldron, and Michael Doyle, Ad Hoc.

Absent: Carol Smith

Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Aprille Morrison and Lauren Layman

Guests: Ethan Wattley

1. General Business

- a. The Board called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.
- b. Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting as written. Approved.

2. Discipline:

- a. 2016-238 – Holly Ann Wakefield – An Order to Remove Conditions was reviewed. Mr. Irwin moved the Board go into deliberative session at 9:35 am, seconded by Mr. Waldron. Approved. The Board reconvened at 9:48 am. Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to accept the Order to Remove Conditions as presented. Approved.
- b. 2019-114 – Jeanne M. Sutherland – Default Order –As there was not a quorum of Board members present to act on the matter, review of this Order was tabled until the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

3. Applications

Railla, Nathan – LCMHC – The Board found that, per Rule 2.23(b), Mr. Railla may be licensed as an LCMHC upon successful completion of the NCMHCE exam. The Board approved Mr. Railla to sit for the NCMHCE exam.

4. Continuing Education

Mr. Waldron moved to approve the following education courses, seconded by Mr. Irwin:

- 5-Day Retreat: Mindfulness & Meditation in Clinical Practice Retreat
- Safety Connections
- How to Stay Sharp as a Clinician
- ADEC 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference.

Motion passed.

Mr. Waldron moved to table the Board's review of the course, Mental Health First Aid, until additional requested information is received, Mr. Irwin seconded. Motion passed.

5. Topics for Discussion – The Board members present discussed the below items. No Board actions were taken, however, because a quorum of Board members was no longer present following the Board's review of continuing education courses.

- a. Legislative Survey – Attorney Layman provided members present with an overview of the legislative session and pending legislation, including S.270 and S.233.
- b. Draft jurisprudence exam – tabled until there was a quorum for review.
- c. The Board briefly discussed topics to address when drafting the Administrative Rules.
- d. The Board reviewed the ACA Interstate Compact for Portability.

6. Other Business

- a. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2020.
- d. The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator III