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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
OCTOBER 13, 2023, MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: James, Huitt, Psy.D. Richard Root, EdD., ABPP
Michael Doyle Carolyn Basiliere, Ph.D.
Judith Wernecke, Ad Hoc

Members Absent: Ellen Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, EdD.

Staff Present: Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II; and OPR Staff

Others Present: David Williams, Devin McKnight, Kelly Green, Sarah Hastings, Kerrie Johnson, Lynda Marshall, Annie Manhardt, Bethany Lieberman, and Joe.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Dr. Basiliere moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2023 meeting with a correction to #6 (r) continuing education course CA 191816 Understanding Hoarding Disorders, should read it was denied because the presenter had no background in mental health. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Addition to Agenda
 - a. Barros, Kathleen – Review Education
 - b. Mathews, Bhuttu – Review Education
 - c. Continuing education for the following:
 - CA 204765 – Suicide Risk Assessment for Clinicians
 - CA 203769 – Professional Boundaries in Clinical Practice
 - CA 205764 – Introduction to the Collaborative Network Approach & Open Dialogue
 - CA 203773 – 2-Day Trauma Conference

4. Hearing

- a. 2023-03 Aron Steward – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Wernecke, to go into deliberative session at 9:48 a.m. The Board came out of deliberative session at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Wernecke, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Other

- a. The Board discussed the implementation of the EPPP 2 examination. Dr. Huitt will contact ASPPB to see if they are able to attend the November 17th meeting. If they are, the Board will reach out to SNHU, VSU, UVM, St. Michael's, Goddard, and Antioch to see if they are available to join this discussion.
- b. Clarification on billing was tabled.
- c. Forensic Psychology Credential hearing before the House Judiciary Committee. Deputy Secretary Hibbert, attended and stated that OPR could not opine and that the Board may wish to weigh in. This will be included in future meeting agendas when necessary.
- d. Multiple Relationships in Supervision was tabled.
- e. Wendy Shores submitted an email asking for clarification of the date post supervision/practice can begin. The Board determined that under Rule 2.2(d), the supervision/practice can begin once coursework and dissertation has been completed.
- f. Bethany Lieberman requested a waiver of Rule 7.3 Lapse of 5 years or more to renew. Dr. Basiliere moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to waive the 1000 hours of supervision and 50 hours of the continuing education credits. She will need 10 continuing education credits and the jurisprudence examination to renew. At least 6 of the 10 continuing education credits must be in ethics. Approved.
- g. Sarah Hastings emailed the Board asking if a pre degree supervisor for internship needed to be a licensed psychologist. The Board states that it does.
- h. Dr. Huitt noted that there will be a Board retreat for enforcement on the 1st of November.
- i. The November Board meeting will be held on the 17th instead of the 10th.

6. Applications

Dr. Root moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following application reviews:

- a. Barros, Kathleen – Education approved.

- b. King, Genevieve – Education approved.
- c. Mathews, Bhuttu – Education approved.
- d. Price, Jessica – Approved for licensure.
- e. Spaulding, Edward – The Board preliminarily denied this application because the education does not meet the requirements as outlined in Rule 2.5(c) To qualify for consideration under this rule, degrees from programs, including acceptable foreign degree programs, must require a minimum of 400 hours in program and clinical courses, exclusive of internship, to be in person on campus.
- f. Tremblay, Tiffany – Education approved.

7. Continuing Education

Dr. Basiliere moved, seconded by Dr. Root, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. CA 192808 – Dare to Lead – The Board denied approval of this course because it is not clinical in nature.
- b. ICE 232597 – How the Body Keeps the Score – approved.
- c. CA 198766 – The Centrality of Whiteness and Becoming a Cross-Racial Ally – approved.
- d. CA 201767 0 CAMS – approved.

The following continuing education courses were tabled:

CA 191833 – Intermediate and Advanced Topics in Suicide Risk Assessment
 ICE 232577 – Cognitive Behavior Intensive Training
 CA 197766 – Reshaping Mental Health Systems through Integration
 CA 204765 – Suicide Risk assessment for Clinicians
 CA 203769 – Professional Boundaries in Clinical Practice
 CA 205764 – Introduction to the Collaborative Network Approach & Open Dialogue
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8. Public Comment

Lynda Marshall commented on the Forensic Psychology Credential hearing before the House Judiciary Committee. She noted that VPA submitted a letter, which she will forward to the Board.

She also requested that OPR's website change "Psychological Examiners" to "Psychologist".

David Williams – Dr. Huitt read a message from him that provided feedback of today's hearing.
 Kerrie Johnson provided feedback from today's hearing.
 Kelly Green provided feedback from today's hearing.

Devin McKnight stated that the civil rights case regarding Woodside has been settled.

9. The Board adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

2023 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: November 17, and December 8