



**Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners**  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
OCTOBER 21, 2021 – REMOTE MEETING

Board members Present: Tammy Austin, Lynn Irwin, Shawn Waldron, and Ellen Grimes, Ad Hoc.

Board members Absent: Carol Smith

Office Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Gabriel Gilman, Diane Lafaille, and Michelle Lavoie.

Others Present: Lara Govendo.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting with reversing the order of the agenda items. Approved.
3. Lara Govendo attended the Board meeting to discuss her supervision. Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to waive Rule 3.15(b), which states that “only supervised practice hours acquired within 5 years of a final decision on licensure may be excepted” for licensure, and to accept Ms. Govendo’s supervision hours from five or more years ago, subject to confirmation from her medical provider that Ms. Govendo was unable to acquire supervised practice hours over the previous five years. Approved.
4. Continuing Education  
  
Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the following continuing education courses:  
  
CA 50775 – Redefining Resiliency  
CA 66764 – Foundational Training in Dialogue Therapy & Real Dialogue 78 ceu’s  
ICE 62613 – Synergetic Play Therapy Certification Training
5. Other
  - a. Pros and Cons of remote supervision beyond pandemic – Tabled
  - b. Extended policy for remote supervision to a specific date – Tabled

- c. Psychologist Supervision Survey – Tabled
- d. Elections – Tabled
- e. Workforce Shortage Working Group Recommendations – Attorney Layman updated the Board.
- f. Telehealth Working Group – Attorney Layman updated the Board.

6. Applications

Hirce, Catherine – The Board reviewed course descriptions submitted by the applicant. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to find that courses CNL 545, CNL 527 and PCN 527 appear to meet the requirements of the Administrative Rules for coursework in addictive disorders and crisis intervention. Approved.

McCann, Allie (Andrus) – The Board requested additional information.

Mitchell, Caitlin – The Board is unable to find a stand-alone Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment course within her degree conferred and noted other regulatory deficiencies in the degree. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to preliminarily deny this application. Approved.

Peterson, Lynn – Traditional endorsement from North Dakota. The Board found that the Licensed Professional Counselor licensing requirements in North Dakota are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s LCMHC licensing requirements. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron to deny Ms. Peterson’s endorsement application. Approved. Applicant may apply through examination.

Turner, Linda – Traditional endorsement from Florida. The Board found that Florida’s Licensed Mental Health counselor licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to Vermont’s LCMHC licensing requirements. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron to approve this application in accordance with Rule 3.23(b). Approved. The applicant must complete the NCMHCE to become licensed.

Bowman, Katie – Tabled due to lack of quorum.

Zambetti, Ronald – Tabled due to lack of quorum.

- 7. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021.
- 8. The Board adjourned at 11:38 a.m.