

Board of Psychological Examiners  
Meeting of February 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.  
89 Main Street, Floor 3, Montpelier, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present:        Ronald Miller, Ph.D.                      Michael Doyle  
                                 James Huitt, Psy.D.                      Marilyn Turcotte, Psy.D.

Others Present:        Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I, Colin Benjamin, Director, Lora Nielsen,  
                                 Assistant Director and Lauren Hibbert, Board Attorney.

1.        The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2.        The Minutes of January 12, 2018 meeting were approved as written.    Approved.
3.        Continuing Education:
  - a.        Psychopharmacology: A Critical Psychiatry Perspective for the Adult Client – approved.
  - b.        Trauma and Addiction – approved.
  - c.        A Minor’s Right to Choose – Vermont Act 35 and What it means for Providers – approved.
  - d.        Clinical Uses of Projective Identification – approved.
  - e.        The Foundations of Motivational Interviewing – approved.
  - f.        Substance Abuse 101 – approved.
  - g.        Strengthening a Person’s Own Motivation & Commitment to Change – approved.
  - h.        Motivational Interviewing: Clinical Supervision – approved.
  - i.        Integrative Pain Management Conference – approved.
  - j.        Foundations of Motivational Interviewing – approved.
  - k.        Motivational Interviewing – approved.
  - l.        Stepping Forward Together – approved.
4.        Applications:

Applications for Examination:  
LeRiche-Forkey, Danielle – approved.
5.        Correspondence:
  - a.        Steve Rubenzer submitted an email to the Board regarding psychology practice. Attorney Hibbert has contacted him.
  - b.        Jack Jessup submitted an email to the Board regarding supervision while in his internship. The Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Dr. Huitt, to accept his 580 hours of internship. Approved Dr. Miller abstained from voting.
  - c.        Craig Knapp emailed the Board with further information regarding the intern supervision of Charity Eugair. The Board concluded that one has to be enrolled in the internship class while the internship (with internship instructor exercising oversight as well) or the hours cannot count as pre-degree supervision hours. All post supervision must be after the degree has been conferred.
6.        Other:
  - a.        ASPPB EPPP Part 2:

Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, authorizing Dr. Miller to reach out to Board chairs of other New England states to see if they want to draft a joint letter to ASPPB regarding this.

Dr. Miller drafted a letter to be sent to area graduate programs to notify them of the Part 2 exam. Attorney Hibbert will review this letter and the Office will mail once approved.

- b. Phone Therapy was discussed. It was determined that when the rules are updated, the Board may include the APA 8 guidelines regarding teletherapy.
  - c. Ethics aspects to supervision where there is incident to billing. When the rules are updated, the Board may include language on the number of interns one may supervise and the number of cases an interterm can have. The Board would use ASPPB Guidelines. It will also look to other states to see what requirements they have around supervision.
  - d. Director Benjamin came to discuss the current renewal with the Board. He understands the difficulties had during this renewal cycle and progress has been made. He notified the Board that late fees will be waived for the month of February for those that were not able to renew by the expiration date. He was asked about those that were not able to renew because of the licensing system and reimbursement of Medicare and Medicaid. The Director stated that he was discussing the options with OPR attorneys to see how this will be addressed.
  - e. Director Benjamin notified the Board that closing reports will no longer be submitted to the Board for closure. He explained that ultimately the decision of whether a case is prosecuted or not is up to the prosecutor with the advice of the professional that is on the case. They decide if a case should be closed. The Board can obtain a report on what complaints have been closed, but these will no longer be placed on an agenda for board review.
7. Public Comment
8. The Board adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

2018 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I