

Board of Psychological Examiners
Meeting of July 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
89 Main Street, Floor 3, Montpelier, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Root, Ed.D, Ronald Miller, Ph.D.
 Deborah Wallis, Ph.D. Michael Doyle

Members Absent: Susan Jan Belville

Others Present: Peter Comart, Licensing Administrator, Larry Novins, Board Counsel, Carla Preston, Case Manager and Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. The Minutes of June 13 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

 Number 7 Other (e) should read: “The Board reviewed audits and completed the auditing process,” instead of reading “The Board reviewed audits”.

 Number 8 Correspondence should read: “Dr. Marc Myer, Director, Health Care Professionals Program, wrote the Board asking if there is any confidential monitoring available for a licensed psychologist in the state of Vermont after the individual has completed treatment for substance use disorder. The Board stated there is no similar service available in Vermont at this time. The Board is supportive of the development of the Vermont Professional Colleague Assistance Program which, when developed, would serve to provide the confidential monitoring service t hat Dr. Myer inquired regarding,” instead of reading, “Dr. Marc Myer, wrote the Board ...The Board stated that no, they do not have anything.” Approved.
3. Case Managers Report: The Board has 8 cases pending, 1 case the Investigative Team recommends closing, 1 case is ready for Investigative Team, 3 cases are with investigators, 2 cases are in intake and 1 case is set for hearing.
4. Continuing Education Credits for Review:
 - a. “Trauma Experience Integration” approved.
 - b. HowardCenter Mental Health and Substance Abuse Training Series workshop for 2014-2015 – 5 credits approved for each seminar and 6 credits approved for the ethics workshop.
 - c. “Self Care, Omnipotence and Analytic Subjectivity: The Delights and Perils of Working in States of Uncertainty” – approved.
 - d. “Emotionally Focused Therapy Core Skills” – approved for 30 credits (Per Board rule one can have no more than 30 credits in one topic).
5. Applications:

 The following applicant is seeking approval of supervision:
 Willis, Jessica, MA – additional information needed.

 The following application was reviewed for licensure:
 Piatrowski, Sam Michael, MA - approved for licensure.

6. Correspondence:
 - a. The Board received an email from Lisa Nyhagen asking for documentation to submit to Value Options that states that a Master Level Psychologist is at “the highest level”. The Board responded that the scope of practice of a master degree trained psychologist is identical to that of a doctoral trained psychologist. Each practices psychology at the highest level allowed in Vermont.
 - b. Sarah Uzenoff Mintz, Ph.D. emailed the Board stating that she is currently treating an individual in Washington, DC who will be temporarily residing at a summer camp in Vermont and it is clinically indicated that she remain available to the this individual for brief phone consultation during this time. She inquired if it was necessary to obtain any sort of temporary or guest practice license to provide this type of telephone consultation. The Board responded that in order to provide services in Vermont she must either hold a permanent license or she must hold a temporary license to practice in Vermont.
7. Other:
 - a. Jurisprudence exam – The Board reviewed a final draft. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, that the updated jurisprudence exam be accepted as the official jurisprudence exam. Approved.
 - b. The Board will not be holding a meeting in August.
8. Public Comment
9. The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

2014 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Lafaille
Licensing Board Specialist