

Board of Psychological Examiners
Meeting of January 13, 2017 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.

Members Absent: Susan Jan Belville

Others Present: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist, Carla Preston, Case Manager and S. Lauren Hibbert, Board Attorney.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. The Minutes of December 9, 2016 were approved with one correction. Number 6 (f) should read appreciation instead of appreciate. Approved.
3. The Board welcomed Attorney Hibbert.
4. Case Managers Report: There are 12 pending cases. 9 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 1 has been recommended for closing, and 2 are with investigators.
5. Continuing Education Applications for Specific Programs:
 - a. Cultural and Linguistic Competency Training – approved. Mr. Doyle opposed.
 - b. The Building Flourishing Communities 2 day program – approved.
 - c. Applying Bowen Family Systems Theory in Therapy and Family – approved.
 - d. AHEC Vermont Geriatrics Conference – approved.
 - e. Motivational Interviewing for Behavior Health Interventions – approved.
 - f. Trauma Informed & Adoption ... - approved.
6. Applications:
Applications for examination:
Clifton, Jessica – approved.
7. Correspondence:
 - a. Andrew Boucher submitted a letter on behalf of the National Register of Health Service Psychologists and its licensure portability program. The Board responded that it does not have a formal process for approving a certification program. It would be interested in reviewing a summary of the National Register of Health Service Psychologists credentialing requirements and procedures and if he wishes to provide the Board with that information it may be considered by the Board at its next meeting which is scheduled for February 10, 2017.
 - b. Rachel Garnett emailed the Board stating that she is pregnant and that this will impact her ability to reach the minimum 700 hours per year that is required by Board rules and if there was an exception to this rule because of her pregnancy. The Board stated that it would grant her a waiver to the supervised practice requirement and would allow her to obtain less than 700 hours within a year due to exceptional circumstances pursuant to Board Rule 4.12 (b), assuming her hours meet all other supervised requirements. They remind her that the requirement remains that she will have to complete the total remaining supervised hours with a five year period pursuant to Board rule 4.12 (c).
 - c. Karen Bleecker emailed the Board asking if there was a limitation to the number of people that she can supervise under her license. The Board stated that its Statutes and Rules are silent with regard to a limitation for a supervisor on the number of individuals one is allowed to supervise.

Generally, the Board's practice is not to answer specific legal questions regarding matters not specifically covered by its statutes and rules. It is possible that the question you pose is one that the board may have to address in its adjudicatory function, that is, in the course of deciding a disciplinary complaint. The Board informed her that in looking at her question it reviewed the following rules within the Administrative Rules of the Board of Psychological Examiners: 4.4 (c), 4.5, 4.10 (a) (b) and (c). Additionally, the Board referred her to the Vermont Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association and/or the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Code of Ethics which may provide her ethical guidance.

- d. Erin McKenney emailed the Board asking about the ratio of supervision which is 1 to 20. The Board is wondering if she assumes that her doctoral practicum hours may be used for post degree licensure hours of supervised practice at the master's level.
- e. The Board received an inquiry asking if one can receive an online master' degree. The Board referred them to Rule 3.5 (g).

8. Other:

- a. Section 3014 (2) and (3) were reviewed to determine if they should be added to the Office Bill to strike. The Board will discuss this further at its next meeting.
- b.. The Board asked the Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners and the Office of Professional Regulation to examine whether fees for individuals doing post degree supervised practice toward psychology licensure should be considered part of the psychology board budget. This will be addressed at the Board's next meeting.
- c. Letter from Raymond Barrett regarding Clinical Update on TeleMental Health Services was noted.

9. Public Comment

10. The Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

2017 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist