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**BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES**

APRIL 15, 2010

Members Present: Paul Sahba, Tammy Austin, Marjorie Trombly and Edmund Fischer;
Absent: Dr. Marilyn Turcotte. OPR Staff Present: Diane Lafaille and Larry Novins.

I. General Business

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

B. The minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting were tabled until the Board's next meeting.

II. Applications for Review

Bulpin, Randolph – Approved for licensure.

Denney, Elaina – The Board received a letter from the school verifying the course meeting the requirement for multicultural studies. The course description the school provided meets the requirements. She is still deficient in Treatment Modalities.

Devins, Emily – Education approved.

DiGiorgianni, Jess – The Board reviewed additional information. It has been determined that he has met the Group 2 educational requirements. The Board needs more information to determine if he has met the 1000 internship requirement.

Giblin, William – He has provided current course descriptions for a Drama Therapy Program at the California Institute. The Board is unable to determine if the course taken on the transcript in the degree conferred meets the Board's educational requirements. More information from the school is needed. The applicants should have the schools send course descriptions for the courses listed on the transcript.

Heeder, Megan – It appears in Group 1 that she is deficient in the Human, Growth and Development requirement. In order to meet this requirement, coursework must cover developmental level throughout the life span. The course description provided states that it covers only child development. She needs to provide further documentation or supplement with additional coursework to fulfill this requirement. In addition, Group 1 is deficient in the counseling skills area. Her education appears to be deficient in Group 3 in Career Development and Lifestyle Appraisal. The Board also needs official verification of her internship hours.

Hochberg, Michele – It appears that she is deficient in Group 1 Treatment Modalities. She should provide the board with additional information.

Terry Maxfield – The Board reviewed the documentation submitted from Cathy Higley of Johnson who affirmed that the course CSL-5211 that was named Developmental Theories and Techniques is not called Lifespan Development. However, the course syllabus from 2005 was clearly not the same description as the current description. The 2005 depiction of the course covered only child and adolescent development, and was not development across the lifespan. The course CSL-5212 Social and Cultural Foundations who she provided course description from 2005 clearly meets the requirement for Multicultural Studies. This leaves the coursework deficient in Group 1, course (1) Human Growth and Development. He has passed the exams and his supervision has been approved.

O'Hara, Karen – Applied on the basis of endorsement from Maryland. The standards in Maryland are not substantially equal to those of Vermont. Maryland only requires the NCE and they do not require a 100 hour internship. If she wishes to apply on the basis of examinations, she may do so.

She has held a license in Maryland for 5 years, but has not been actively practicing in Maryland. Therefore, the 5 year rule does not apply.

Ridella, Rebecca – Education approved. She may sit for the exams.

Starr, Tammy – Education approved. She may sit for the exams.

Toulmin, Heather – The Board reviewed applicant's correspondence. The Board accepts that the course name may have changed, but they need the school to verify this before they can proceed. She needs to call her school and have them send verification on school letterhead with a seal.

Trask, Zylpha – Education has been approved.

Waldman, Evan – Approved to sit for the exams. The Board does need
verification directly from Johnson of 1000 hour internship.

Wicker, Kelly – Additional supervision required.

III. Correspondence – noted

IV. Other

A. Continuing education reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator