



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
MARCH 21, 2019 MEETING

Present: Tammy Austin, Lynn Irwin, Carol Smith and Shawn Waldron;
Absent: Scott Giles; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel:
Diane Lafaille, Gabriel Gilman, Lauren Layman, Lora Marchand
and Dylan Bruce.

1. General Business

- a. The Board called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.
- b. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting as written. Approved.

2. Lora Marchand and Dylan Bruce came before the Board to discuss the budget. Ms. Marchand stated that fees would increase as follows:

Marriage and Family Therapy – Application fees will be raised from \$125 to \$150 and renewal fees will be raised from \$150 to \$250.

Mental Health Counselor – Application fees will be raised from \$125 to \$150 and renewal fees will be raised from \$150 to \$250.

Non Licensed and Non Certified Psychotherapist – Application fees will be raised from \$75 to \$80 and renewal fees will be raised from \$90 to \$150.

3. Disciplinary Hearing

Harald Harris – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Irwin moved seconded by Mr. Waldron to go into executive order at 9:45. The Board came out of executive order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.

4. Gloria Zahka attended the Board meeting to discuss whether she needs to re-take the NCE. The Board stated that its previous correspondence with her stands. The Board responded that it does not have the latitude to grant exceptions to the rules as they are written. The Board is only able to make decisions based upon the Administrative Rules as they are written. She will be required to successfully complete this exam before licensure can be considered.
5. Applications

Hope, Madeline – She applied on the basis of endorsement from New York. The standards in New York are not substantially equivalent to those of Vermont. She will need to apply on the basis of examination and meet those requirements.
6. Correspondence
 - a. India Stein submitted an email asking the Board stating that she was considering taking a job as a substance abuse counselor and wondered if substance abuse therapy would count for her clinical mental health counselor license. The Board responded that if the work that she is performing is mental health counseling, then her work with the substance abuse population would qualify toward her direct service hours. The Board added that in order to provide treatment (mental health counseling/psychotherapy) she would need to be on the roster of non licensed and non certified psychotherapists if practicing in Vermont. She would need to be on the roster to have her hours of practice count toward licensure.
7. Other Business
 - a. Rule reform goals, with particular attention to supervisory arrangements and non-conforming degrees. The Board will review its current administrative rules and will notify the Office of any changes they would like to see made. The Office will draft a revision for the Board to review.
 - b. Legislative Survey – Attorney Gilman briefly updated the Board.
 - c. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2019. There will not be a Board meeting held in April.
 - d. The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I