

Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
February 16, 2023 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Marjorie Trombly, Lisa Elowson, Marilyn Turcotte, Ad Hoc, and Deb Belcher, Ad Hoc

Board Members Absent: Christopher Berry

Office Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel, Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II, Agatha Kessler, Assistant Director, Dylan Bruce, Policy/Planning Analyst, Michele Eno, Budget Analyst and Other OPR staff.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023, meeting. Approved.
3. Addition to Agenda
 - a. Discussion of
4. **Other**
 - a. The Board will continue the discussion on whether to accept older supervised practice hours and examination scores from applicants who initiated applications prior to the adoption of the Administrative Rules requiring completion of supervised practice and passage of examinations within 5 years of the final decision on licensure at its March 16th meeting. Rules 3.14(a) and 3.15(b). The Board will discuss implementing a policy.
 - b. Elizabeth Fitzgerald has applied for a social work license, not a mental health counselor license. Therefore, this discussion would be with the Office of Professional Regulation, not this Board.
 - c. Agatha Kessler, Dylan Bruce, and Michelle Eno discussed the OPR and Board budget and fees with the Board. The Board agreed that the renewal fees for marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors should be equal. The Board had no objections to the proposed fee increases.

- d. The Board discussed upcoming NBCC and AMFTRB conferences. It was noted that the NBCC reimburses for two members of the Board to attend this meeting. Authorization to Travel forms should be submitted to the OPR if one plans to attend a conference.
- e. Attorney Layman updated the Board on the legislative session, which included discussion about the potential for legislation related to the adoption of the counseling compact, modifications to the preliminary denial process, continuing education in person, and acceptance of live remote courses for continuing education, and designation of a hearing panel. The Board noted concerns with the two paths for preliminary denial legislation.

5. **Applications**

- a. Engelberth, Beth – Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve 4 courses completed by the applicant. The courses were for 3 graduate credits in each of the following topics: Human Growth and Development, Groups, Multicultural, and Substance Abuse Counseling. Ms. Engelberth is still lacking one 3-credit graduate course in Career Development and 9.5 hours of internship, the latter of which can be obtained through post-degree practice. She is eligible to sit for the examinations.
- b. Zambetti, Ron – The Board needs syllabi for Psychopathology I and II.

6. **Continuing Education**

Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. ICE 199738 – Complex PTSD and Trauma Certification Training – approved.
- b. ICE 200793 – Complex Trauma Certificate Training Course – 22.25 hours were approved for Level 2. Level 1 did not indicate the number of hours requested. Additional information is needed for Level 1.
- c. ICE 207638 – Human Lifespan Development – The Board was only able to approve 5 hours for this per Rule 3.32(b)(1).

7. **Public Comment**

8. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2023.

9. The Board adjourned at 1:14 p.m.