

Board of Psychological Examiners
Meeting of February 10, 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., via phone Marilyn Turcotte, Psy.D.
 Susan Jan Belville

Others Present: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist, Carla Preston, Case Manager and Gabriel
 Gilman, Board Attorney; Others Present: Drs. Richard Barnett and Robert DuWors.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. The Minutes of January 13, 2016 were approved with one correction. Number 8 (a) should have the words, “those sections” after the word strike. Approved.
3. The Board sends its best wishes to Attorney Hibbert.
4. Drs. Richard Barnett and DuWors came to update the Board on the R&P Legislation. Dr. Barnett reported that a bill has not yet been submitted, but they are hopeful that it will.
5. Case Managers Report: There are 16 pending cases. 2 are in intake, 1 is ready for closure, 8 are with the Investigative Team and 5 are under investigation.
6. Applications:

 Applications for examination:
 Necrason, Emily – approved.

 Applications for Temporary License:
 Shulik, Richard – 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 at its last meeting that they would be interested in reviewing a summary of the National Register of Health Service Psychologists credentialing requirements and procedures. This was submitted and reviewed by the Board. Attorney Gilman was requested to respond to Mr. Boucher that it has determined to place this item on the agenda for its March 10th meeting asking the question, “Shall the Board recognize, under Rule 2.19, applicants listed on the National Register of Health Service Psychologists, who can show seven years of practice consistent with 26 V.S.A. Section 3014(b).”
 - b. Erin McKenney emailed the Board asking if her pre doctoral hours could count towards her master’s level supervised practice. The Board responded that this raises many difficulties because it involves a very unusual set of circumstances. In order to give her a definitive response on post degree supervision hours for a master’s degree, it would need for her to apply for licensure and have supporting documentation submitted, including reports of supervision.
 - c. Kari Berg emailed the Board regarding supervision hours that were received that were less than 700 hours. The Board responded that her email raises many questions. That in order to give her a definitive response on the post degree supervision hours she would need to apply for licensure and submit documentation, including reports of supervision.

- d. Nicole Adach emailed the Board regarding sports psychology. The Board responded that under Vermont law, “A person who is not licensed [as a psychologist under Chapter 55 of Title 26] shall not use the title ‘psychologist’ or any title which contains that word.” 26 V.S.A. § 3002(b). An exemption to that prohibition is found at § 3004, which provides that the chapter shall not apply to a person acting “In the discharge of his or her duties in a business, corporation, or research laboratory, provided that he or she is performing those duties for which he or she is employed within the confines of the corporation or organization, and provided that the corporation or organization does not sell psychological services to the public for a fee.” The Board considered whether that exemption might apply, but the impression is that she would offer sports psychology services to gym members and customers, not just to other gym employees. If that is the case, it would be best to avoid the term “psychologist” in favor of “sports counselor” or other terms less likely to run afoul of § 3002(b).

8. Other:

- a. Section 3014 (2) and (3) were reviewed to determine if they should be added to the Office Bill to strike those sections. 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 1:40 p.m.

2017 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: 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