



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
APRIL 20, 2023 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Marjorie Trombly, Lisa Elowson, Christopher Berry, and Marilyn Turcotte-Ad Hoc.

Office Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; and other OPR staff.

Others Present: Liam Farrell

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023, meeting. Approved.
3. **Discipline**
 - a. *In re Liam Farrell*, Docket Numbers 2021-99, 2021-100, 2023-41 and 2023 42, Sanctions Only Hearing
 - Mr. Berry requested the Board move into deliberative session at 9:34 a.m. The Board reconvened at 10:15 a.m. Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Ms. Elowson, to revoke Respondent’s license to practice as a clinical mental health counselor. Motion passed.
4. **Discussion**
 - a. Vermont Telehealth Licenses & Supervisor License Jurisdiction (Rules 3.19 (a) and 4.20 (b) Policy and Rulemaking Discussion – The Board will address this at its May meeting.
 - b. Legislative Update – Attorney Layman notified the Board that the Counseling Compact has passed out of the Senate and the OPR Bill has made it through the Senate.
5. **Applications**
 - a. Allen, Sarah – Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, that Florida’s Licensed Mental Health Counselor licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to Vermont’s LCMHC licensing requirements in accordance with Rule 3.23(b).

Approved. The applicant must complete the NCE to become licensed. Approved. Dr. Turcotte abstained from voting. Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to reconsider the Board's decision. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, that Florida's LMHC licensing requirements are not substantially equivalent to Vermont's because Florida only requires 1500 hours of post practice, not 3000 hours as is required in Vermont. Endorsement denied. The applicant may apply through examination. Approved.

- b. Greenfield, Leigh – MFT – Traditional endorsement from California. Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, that the LMFT licensing requirements in California are not substantially equivalent to Vermont's LMFT licensing requirements because California does not require the AAMFTE National Examination. Endorsement denied. The applicant may apply through examination. Approved.
 - c. Hirce, Catherine – Ms. Hirce submitted a letter requesting a waiver to Rule 3.15 (b) which requires that only supervised practice hours acquired within 5 years of a final decision on licensure may be accepted. The Board may waive a requirement if it is found that it would be manifestly unfair for the applicant to complete the requirement. Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, to deny the waiver request as her circumstances do not rise to be manifestly unfair. Approved.
 - d. Mosher, Kately – MHC – Traditional endorsement from Colorado. Mr. Berry moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, that the LPC licensing requirements in Colorado are not substantially equivalent to Vermont's LCMHC licensing requirements because Colorado requires 2000 total practice hours with a portion of 1500 direct practice hours. Vermont requires 3000 hours with 2000 direct practice hours. Colorado requires only one national examination. Vermont requires two examinations. Due to a lack of specificity in the rules delineating Colorado's education requirements, the Board was unable to determine if Colorado's requirements are substantially equivalent to Vermont's. Endorsement denied. The applicant may apply through examination. Approved.
 - e. Zambetti, Ron – Education Review. The Board continued the review of Mr. Zambetti's application and will continue its discussion at the May Board meeting.
6. Public Comment - None
 7. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2023.
 8. The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.