



Board of Psychological Examiners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
APRIL 14, 2023, MEETING
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: James Huitt, Psy.D. Richard Root, EdD., ABPP
Carolyn Basiliere, Ph.D. Ellen Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, EdD.
Michael Doyle

Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney, Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II, and other OPR Staff

Others Present: Theo Kennedy, Esq.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Grimes, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2023 as written. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Additions to Agenda

Application for Melyssa Sweet

Continuing education request for:
CA 173819 – WCMHS Ethics Forum

4. Hearing

2021-35 Ezra Maurer – Order to Remove Conditions was heard at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Grimes, to accept this Order to remove the conditions on respondent's license. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other

- a. Attorney Eltabbakh updated the Board on the legislative session, which included discussion about legislation related to the adoption of PsyPact and legislation authorizing psychologists to prescribe certain medications. Attorney Kennedy added to the discussion. The Office of Professional Regulation is finalizing the report in favor of this, pending a higher APRN level of education. This report will be sent to members of the Board once it is completed.

6. Applications

- a. Berg, Kara – Dr. Grimes moved, seconded by Dr. Basiliere, to deny her request for a waiver of the supervision and practice hours. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Sweet, Melyssa – Dr. Root moved, seconded by Dr. Grimes, to approve her for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Wales, Stephanie – Dr. Basiliere moved, seconded by Dr. Grimes, to deny her application for master psychology licensure on the basis of endorsement of her New Hampshire School Psychologist Specialist license. Motion passed unanimously. She can apply on the basis of examination.

7. Continuing Education

CA 172846 – The Power of Recognition – Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Grimes, to not approve this course as it does not meet the requirement of Rule 8.3 (a). Approved. Dr. Root was opposed.

Dr. Root moved, seconded by Dr. Basiliere, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. CA 171826 – An Introduction to DBT – Informed Treatment for Adolescents and Families – approved.
- b. CA 173804 – Irreducible – approved.
- c. CA 171822 – Collaborative Network Approach Statewide Training Level 3 – approved.
- d. CA 171818 – Embodiment and Open Dialogue – approved.
- e. CA 171810 – Peer Support as a Dialogic Practice – additional information is needed.
- f. CA 171808 – How Open Dialogue Fits into Vermont Systems of Care – approved.
- g. CA 171804 – Telehealth Q & A – denied as it did not meet the requirements of 8.1 (c).
- h. ICE – 209820 - Psychotherapy Network Symposium – approved.
- i. CA 173800 - Awe, Transcendence, & Psychedelics – approved.
- j. CA 173796 - Adverse Childhood Experiences and Toxic Stress – approved.
- k. CA 172827 – Collaborative Assessment & Management of Suicidality – approved.
- l. CA 173790 – Boundaries: From Abandonment to Autonomy – approved.

- m. CA 173786 – Skills for Wellness – approved.
 - n. CA 171796 – Understanding Opioid Use Disorder & its Treatment – approved.
 - o. CA 173778 – Gun Violence, Mental Illness, and the Law – approved.
 - p. CA 173777 – 2-Day Anxiety Certification Course – tabled.
 - q. CA 172859 – LGBTQ+ Affirming Practices – approved.
 - r. CA 172855 – Cultural, Communication, Connection – approved.
 - s. ICE 209857 - Gender & Sexuality Development – approved.
 - t. ICE 208682 – Working with Depression – approved.
 - u. ICE 208683 – Dreams and Affects – approved.
 - v. ICE 208681 – Slavery Syndrome – 1.75 ceu’s approved.
 - w. CA 173814 – Withdrawal Demystified – approved.
 - x. ICE 209871 – Unified Protocol Introductory Workshop – approved.
 - y. CA 171854 – Working with Unbearable Mental States in the Countertransference – approved.
 - z. CA 171838 – Developmental Trauma Part 2; CA 171842 – Developmental Trauma Part 3; CA 171846 – Developmental Trauma Part 4 and CA 171850 Developmental Trauma Part 4 – all approved.
 - 1. CA 173819 – WCMHC Ethics Forum – approved.
8. Public Comment – Attorney Theo Kennedy spoke with the Board regarding Bill H.428 Prescribing.
9. The Board adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

2023 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8