



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
NOVEMBER 18, 2021 – REMOTE MEETING

Board members Present: Tammy Austin, Lynn Irwin, Shawn Waldron, Paul Sahba, Ad Hoc, and Ellen Grimes, Ad Hoc.

Board members Absent: Carol Smith

Office Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Gabriel Gilman, Diane Lafaille, Jennifer Colin, Elizabeth Kneen, OPR Staff.

Others Present: Brian Marsicovetere, Esq., and Donald Skekel.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting with reversing the order of the agenda items. Approved.
3. Hearings
 - a. 2021-72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77 – Adam Stark – A Stipulated Voluntary Surrender of License was heard. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, to accept the Stipulated Voluntary Surrender of License as presented. Approved.
 - b. 2019-116 – Donald Skekel – A Stipulated Voluntary Surrender of License was heard. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Dr. Grimes, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.
4. Continuing Education

ICE-72608 – Applied Positive Psychology: Finding Mastery and Flourishing – approved.
5. Other
 - a. Extended COVID-19 mental health education and supervision policy for acceptance of remote pre-degree internships and practicum and remote supervision– Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to amend the

COVID-19 mental health education and supervision policy dates related to allied mental health education to July 1, 2022.

- b. Attorney Layman notified the Board that the Board of Psychological Examiners is in the process of submitting a survey to master and doctorate level psychologists regarding supervision.
 - c. Elections – Tabled until the Board’s January 2022 meeting.
 - d. Workforce Shortage Working Group Recommendations – Attorney Layman updated the Board on potential legislative proposals to address workforce shortages and access concerns in mental health.
 - e. Telehealth Working Group – Attorney Layman updated the Board about the telehealth working group’s recommendations.
6. Applications
- Mr. Waldron moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the following actions for these applications. Approved.
- Bowman, Katie – Additional documentation is needed.
- Jarvis, Heather – Additional documentation is needed.
- Little, Rachel – MFT – Additional documentation is needed.
- McCann, Allie (Andrus) – MFT – Additional documentation is needed.
- Zambetti, Ronald – Additional documentation is needed.
7. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2021.
8. The Board adjourned at 1:25 p.m.