



Board of Psychological Examiners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
AUGUST 14, 2020 MEETING

Members Present: James Huitt, Psy.D. Michael Doyle
Ronald Miller, Ph.D. Marilyn Turcotte, Psy.D.

Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney and Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I.

Others Present: Maggie Luckhardt

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. Dr. Huitt moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting with the following correction:

Section 5 Other (d) Scope Review should be removed.
3. Hearing
 - a. 2019-68 Mark Kaufman – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as written. Approved.
4. Other
 - a. The Board will discuss teletherapy at its next meeting. The Board may draft guidance for psychologists to use.
 - b. The Board will re-review the policy regarding post supervised practice obtained during doctoral study at its next meeting.
 - c. At the Board's next meeting it will further discuss Psypact.
 - d. Legislative Update:

Attorney Layman updated the Board on S.233 and the OPR Bill. She stated that General Bill S.233 has the major policies in it. They are:

Allow licensure in Vermont by endorsement with 3 years of active practice in another state regardless of other states requirements. If the Board feels that 3 years is not enough it can explain to the Director why additional years are needed.

Sunset Review – Evaluate existing requirements every 5 years for continuing education.

Criminal Pre Review – Allow for individuals to apply and give their criminal history and the Office will look at this to see if they would be eligible for licensure.

Recognizing military credentials.

OPR Bill.

Attorney Layman also noted that the Office of Professional Regulation implemented a policy that would allow for all ceu's to be done online during the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Governor signed Act 140 which allows for one to provide teletherapy if they are licensed, in good standing in another state, to those that are in Vermont until 3/31/21 without having to hold a Vermont license.

Testing exemption – If one has met all other requirements, but is not able to sit for the examination due to COVID 19, they may apply for an emergency temporary license.

e. Dr. Huitt will revise the Summary forms for Board review.

5. Correspondence:

a. Maggie Luckhardt submitted an email regarding supervision hours. This was tabled until the Board's next meeting.

b. Brandon Gray emailed the Board asking if he can use the work he does consulting with WHO toward clinical practice. The Board responded that he cannot. The Board refers him to Rules 4.1 and 4.6. All supervision/practice must be clinical.

6. Applications:

Applications for education review:

- Contrada, David – Education and supervision has been approved.
- McGrath, Joanne – This is in the process of being reviewed.

Applications for supervision review:

- McKenney, Erin – Dr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to allow the use of her post doctoral hours toward her master's license. Approved.

7. The Board adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

2020 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I