

Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.
89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Tammy Austin, William (Bill) Scarlett, Jaime Blouin, Scott Giles and Marilyn Turcotte via phone. Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Diane Lafaille, Director Colin Benjamin, Carla Preston and Lauren Hibbert.

I. General Business

1. The meeting was not called to order at 8:17 a.m.
2. The minutes of the July 21, 2016, August 18, 2016 and September 15, 2016 were approved as written.

II. Case Managers Report – The Board has 23 pending cases. 1 is in intake, 3 have been recommended for closing, 4 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 5 are pending charges, 7 are with investigators and 2 are pending hearings.

Ms. Hibbert and Ms. Preston discussed process ideas with the Board. They presented each member of the Board with a worksheet to be completed and return to Ms. Preston with each investigation they are assigned to.

Closing Reports:

2015-526 – Mr. Scarlett presented this case for closure. Ms. Blouin moved, seconded by Mr. Giles, to close this case. Approved.

2016-311 – Ms. Austin presented this case for closure. Ms. Blouin moved, seconded by Mr. Scarlett, to close this case. Approved.

III. File Reviews

Barnes, Lydia – Additional information needed.

Berard, Erin – Approved for licensure.

Binette, Neil – MFT – Approved for licensure.

Casella, Kristen – Approved for licensure.

Harkins, Michelle – Approved for licensure.

La Chance, Blaine – Supervision approved.

Lesure, Gail – Board approved coursework in counseling skills and in research and evaluation. Additional information needed for other requirements.

Mason, Emily – Approved for licensure.

Monette, Marisa – Approved for licensure.

Pearce, Gina – Approved for licensure.

Pehle, Mark – Approved for licensure.

Postlewaite, Kirk – Supervision and education approved.

Powers, Samantha – Approved for licensure.

Rinaldi, Rosemarie – Approved for licensure.

Salamy, Erica – Approved for licensure.

Smith, Margaret – Approved for licensure.

Starr, Tammy – Approved for licensure.

Varagallo, Gloria – Additional information needed.

Wentworth, Colleen – Additional information needed.

Young, Bradley – Approved for licensure.

IV. Other

1. Director Benjamin came to speak with the board about its budget. He also discussed that OPR will be getting a new platform, taking the place of e-license.

Mr. Scarlett moved, seconded by Ms. Blouin, to leave fees as they are with no adjustments. Approved.
2. Continuing education requests were reviewed.
3. Elections:

Mr. Giles moved, seconded by Ms. Blouin, to keep the slate as it is. Ms. Austin Chair, Mr. Scarlett Vice-Chair and Ms. Blouin, Secretary. Approved.
4. Attorney Gilman and Ms. Lisa Myers discussed with the Board the Art Therapy Association of Vermont's request for a sunrise review.
5. Attorney Novins discussed with the Board that some people that apply to be on the roster are on track for licensure as a social worker, or a psychologist or as a drug and alcohol counselor and how they are not under the this board's jurisdiction. The Board of Psychological Examiners has asked the Office of Professional Regulation to look into whether fees that are submitted for roster application and renewal for those that are on track for licensure as a psychologist should be going to the account of the Board of Psychological Examiners.
6. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2016.
7. The Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, License Board Specialist