



**Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners**  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
July 21, 2022 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Marjorie Trombly (Ad Hoc), Lynn Irwin, and Carol Smith.

Office Staff Present: Cassandra Diederich, Lauren Layman, Diane Lafaille, Michelle Lavoie, and Tara Grenier.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022, meeting as written. Approved.
3. **Other**
  - a. The Board discussed the process for drafting the AMH section of the Telehealth License and Registration Rules. The Board will bring its comments and suggestions to the next meeting.
  - b. Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to approve the AASCB dues of \$1000.00. Approved.
  - c. AASCB sent the Board a survey requesting suggestions for topics the Board would like to see on AASCB future agendas. The Board completed and submitted the survey.
  - d. The Board discussed if it should begin the revisions of the Administrative Rules at this time. This will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting.
  - e. The AMFTRB Annual Meeting will be held in September 2022 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Board will decide at its August meeting if anyone is interested in attending.

#### 4. Applications

Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to approve actions taken by the Board in the following applications:

- a. Brumber, Miranda – The Board found that New York’s standards and qualifications for licensure are substantially equivalent to Vermont’s requirements, except for the requirement that the applicant pass the NCE. Per Rule 3.23(b), Ms. Brumber must successfully complete the second exam and then she will be eligible for licensure.
- b. Hewitt, Lily – The Board reviewed a course description that the applicant submitted for meeting the Multicultural Studies course requirement. Based on the information provided to the Board, the Board cannot conclude that the course will meet the Rules requirements for this course subject. The Board was also unable to determine whether the course was a graduate-level course, as required, or if it is an undergraduate course.
- c. Kim, Jessica – The Board reviewed and approved the applicant’s supervision.
- d. Kumm, Sarah – MHC Endorsement from Oregon – The Board found that the standards and qualifications for licensure in Oregon are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s standards and qualifications for licensure because Oregon requires only 2000 hours of post-degree supervised practice rather than 3,000 hours, like Vermont, and, for non-CACREP accredited degrees, only 2 credits are required for each course, rather than the three credits required under Vermont’s Rules. Ms. Kumm may apply for licensure on the basis of examination.
- e. Pedersen, Matthew – MHC Endorsement from Rhode Island – The Board found that the standards and qualifications for licensure in Rhode Island are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s standards and qualifications for licensure because Rhode Island requires only 2000 hours of post-degree supervision hours whereas Vermont requires 3000 post-degree hours and 2000 direct service hours. Mr. Pedersen may apply for licensure on the basis of examination.
- f. Polly-Almanza, Abby – MFT Endorsement from Colorado – The Board found that the standards and qualifications for licensure in Colorado are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s standards and qualifications for licensure because Colorado requires only 2000 hours of post-degree supervised practice, and 1500 hours of post-degree direct supervised practice, whereas Vermont requires 3000 post-degree supervised practice hours and 2000 direct service supervised practice hours. Ms. Polly-Almanza may apply for licensure on the basis of examination.
- g. Rhoads, Samantha – Ms. Rhoads submitted a letter requesting a waiver of supervision 5-year requirement of Rule 3.15(b). The Board reviewed her request and determined that the circumstances do not meet the requirement for a waiver of the Rules and did not grant her request for the waiver.
- h. Vidana, Lorren – The Board reviewed her revised letter requesting waiver of the supervision 5-year requirement and requested additional information.

#### 5. Continuing Education

Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. ICE 147673 – Trauma Systems for Refugees – Approved.
  - b. CA 127774 – Collaborative Documentation – Approved.
6. Public Comment
  7. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022.
  8. The Board adjourned at 1:52 p.m.