

Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.  
89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT

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APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Marjorie Trombly, William (Bill) Scarlett, Tammy Austin, Jaime Blouin and Wendy Magee; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Diane Lafaille, Carla Preston and Colin Benjamin.

I. General Business

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.
2. The minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

II. Case Managers Report – There are 18 cases pending. 6 cases are ready for Investigative Team meetings; 5 cases charges have been recommended, 7 cases are with investigators.

III. File Reviews

Arnold, Steven – Approved for licensure - 5 year rule.

Flood, Lisa – Approved for licensure.

Karpowitz, Stacy – MFT – Approved for licensure – 5 year rule.

Kiernan, Megan – Approved for licensure.

MacKinnon, Celia – MFT – Approved for licensure – 5 year rule.

O'Connor, Caroline – Approved for licensure.

Palladino, Anna – Approved for licensure.

Skekel, Donald – Approved for licensure.

Thomsen, Terry – More information needed.

Trottier, Keili – More information needed.

White, Amy – Approved for licensure.

IV. Other

1. Continuing education requests were reviewed.
2. Michal Eakin attending the Board meeting to discuss her application.
3. Jurisprudence Exam – This was tabled until the Board's next meeting.
4. AMFTRB Duels of \$500.00 were approved.

5. Director Benjamin came to speak with the Board about enforcement matters. He explained that Secretary Condos has determined that the attorneys currently have dual roles. That is as general counsel and as a presiding officer at hearings and that effective immediately the role of the attorney will be general counsel and that an Administrative Law Officer will now preside over any hearings.

Director Benjamin stated that any cases that involve scope of practice issues would be heard by the Board. However, if the Board chooses, cases that are not scope of practice issues, can be sent to the Administrative Law Officer (ALO) to be heard. The ALO would hear these cases and report back to the Board their findings. The Board would have the final determination on these cases, they would just not hear the cases. The Board would be able to accept the ALO's recommendation or it could not accept the recommendation. The Case Manager would determine which cases the Board would hear and which cases would go directly to the ALO.

Ms. Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Ms. Austin, that the Board supports review and selection by the case manager of cases which should be heard by the Board. Unprofessional conduct cases that do not involve practice issues, scope of practice issues, determination of what the standards of practice are or should be, or the role of clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists or rostered psychotherapists may be heard by an ALO. The Board authorizes utilization of title 3 § 129(f) for those cases. Approved.

6. The Board wished Wendy Magee best wishes and thanked her for her service to the Board and the public.
7. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2015.

V. The Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, License Board Specialist