

Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.
89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Marjorie Trombly, Tammy Austin, Jaime Blouin and Mimi Kevan, Ad Hoc Public Member; Absent: Wendy Magee, Jason Kirchick and Marilyn Turcotte; Others Present: Larry Novins, Diane Lafaille, and Peter Comart.

I. General Business

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.
2. The Board welcomed Jaime Blouin to the Board as a rostered member.
3. The minutes of the December 19, 2013, January 16, 2014 and February 20, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Below is a list of applications that were reviewed at the January 6, 2014 and February 20, 2014 meeting. These actions were approved at today's meeting:

January 6, 2014 meeting:

Barnes, Pamela – Approved for licensure.

Brooks, Megan – Supervision approved.

Clausnitzer, Alison – Approved for licensure.

Everett, Jill – Additional supervision needed.

Gardner, Melissa – Supervision approved.

Gould, Joanna – additional information needed.

Houde, Natalie – Additional information needed.

Koenig, Gwendolyn – Additional information needed.

Player, Christopher – Approved for licensure.

Shull, Tisha – Approved for licensure.

February 20, 2014 meeting:

Blachly, Susannah – Supervision and Education approved. Needs NCE.

Everett, Jill – Approved for licensure.

Franchell, Jerilyn – MFT – Approved for licensure 5 year rules from New Mexico.

Gould, Joanna – Additional information needed.

Houchen, Benjamin – Supervision and education have been approved.

Hultgren, Tracie – Education is approved.

Hurley, Susan – Additional information needed.

Kelsey, Ella – Licensure approved.

Koenig, Gwendolyn – Additional information needed.

Tighe, Brenda – Supervision and Education approved.

Watters, Chanon – Supervision and Education approved.

- II. Case Managers Report – Ms. Preston reported that there are 19 cases pending, 4 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 1 is on hold, 4 cases charges have been filed, 3 cases are pending hearing, 6 are under investigation and 1 is pending charges.

III. File Reviews

Anderson, Annalisa – Education approved. Supervision approved. Needs exams.

Blachly, Susannah – approved for licensure.

Collins, Patricia – approved for licensure – 5 year rule.

Flanagan, Gavin – approved for licensure.

Kopreski, Alison – approved for licensure.

Payne, Christine – approved for licensure.

McCafferty, Theresa – approved for licensure.

Plante, Corinne – approved for licensure.

Wickersham, Kathy – MFT – Degree is not an MFT degree. Board needs additional information.

IV. Other

1. Continuing education requests were reviewed.
2. The Board will make a list of things it would like to see communicated through a newsletter and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.
3. Dan Duval wrote the Board a letter stating that he is the mental health counselor to a child that he would like to adopt. He asked the Board for its suggestions with proceeding with this. The Board responded that it cannot provide legal advice.

The Board recommends that he continue to seek clinical consultation and consult his ethic codes. He may also wish to contact an attorney.

4. Mr. Comart discussed with the Board the possibility of expanding the current contract to allow for the review of supervision to be contracted out or to delegate the process of reviewing supervision and the issuance of licensure to the Office of Professional Regulation. The Board approved of having the Office of Professional Regulation review the supervision and issue the license unless there was a problem. Approved. The Board brought this back to the table and reversed its initial decision. The Board feels that it has time to review the supervision as well as do other work as is required. The reports of supervision and final approval will, at this time, stay with the Board. Approved.
 5. MOU's for Southern New Hampshire University and Goddard additional information is needed. Mr. Comart was requested to obtain this information to bring back to the Board.
 6. The Board discussed the draft rules. These will be discussed further at the Board's April 17th meeting.
 7. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2014.
- V. The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, License Board Specialist