

Board of Psychological Examiners

Meeting of March 8, 2013
32 College Street, Schulmaier Hall, Montpelier, VT

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Root, Ed.D Deborah Wallis, Ph.D.
 Ronald Miller, Ph.D. Susan Jan Belville
 Michael Doyle

Others Present: Peter Comart, Unit Administrator, Larry Novins, Board Attorney, Diane Lafaille,
 Licensing Board Specialist and Carla Preston, Case Manager.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the January 11, 2013 meeting were approved as written.
3. **Closings/Case Manger's Report**

Case Managers Report – There are 12 cases pending. 5 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 2 the Investigative Team has recommended for closure, 4 are under investigation and 1 case is in intake.

4. Continuing Education Credits for Review:

- a. “Neuro-psychological Assessment and Torture Survivors: Ethical and Legal Issues” – approved.
- b. “Thinking for a Change” – not approved.
- c. “Treating Young Adults: Challenges from Late Adolescence to Early Adulthood” – approved.
- d. “Helping the Noncompliant Child” – approved.
- e. “The Language of Possibility: Metaphors and Hypnotic Language” – approved.
- f. “Diversity and Multicultural Counseling Workshop” – approved.
- g. Motivational Hypnosis, Clinical Hypnosis Training – 17.5 hours approved for Level I – April 25-26; 10.5 hours approved for Level I – April 27-28; and 9.5 hours approved for Level II – April 27-28.
- h. “Bowen Theory Family System Therapy” – approved.
- i. Vermont Geriatrics Conference – 2.5 hours approved
- j. One Year Psychoanalytic Seminary Series – approved.
- k. Stress: Diagnosis, Etiology, and Treatment of Mental Disorders – approved.
- l. “Social Learning Instruction for K-12 Students” – not approved.
- m. “Treating Anxiety: The Latest Advances” – approved.
- n. “Risk Management” – approved.
- o. “A Bridge to Healing: Insights into the Management of Pain and Suffering” – not approved.
- p. “Erotic Transferences, Countertransferences and Erotic Perversions” – approved.
- q. “Motivational Interviewing Basics” – approved.
- r. Behavior Change – not approved.

5. Applications:

- a. The following applicants are seeking approval to sit for the EPPP Examination:
Brisson, Nicole, Ph.D. – preliminarily deny application.
McCartin, Brian, MA – approved to sit for the exam.
- b. The following applicant's are seeking temporary license approval:
Deutsch, Robin, Ph.D. – approved.
Fidler, Barbara, Ph.D. – approved.
Sullivan, Matthew, Ph.D. – approved.
- c. The following applicants are seeking approval for licensure:
Allshouse, Kimberly, MA – approved.
Huitt, James, Psy.D. – approved.
Sopronyi, Kristin, MS – approved.

6. Other

- a. ASPPB Meeting to be held in Nova Scotia on April 11-14 – Dr. Miller will see if he is able to go.
- b. Jurisprudence Exam – Dr. Wallis will rewrite this exam and have an outline of her plan at the Board's next meeting.

7. Correspondence

- a. Rosanne Lak sent an email asking if the Board has any concerns with the presenter of VPA's May program. The Board stated that they do not have any concerns.
- b. Kathryn Berk, Ph.D. sent an email stating that she runs a supervision group for pre-licensed psychologists and they talk about theory and review articles and books as part of the supervision. Can this be counted toward continuing education? She is the supervisor and prepares the materials. The Board stated that continuing education credits are for the purpose of maintaining competency and an awareness of new developments in the field of psychology. If preparation of materials for the supervisor group meets the criteria in Rule 8.3(a) and/or (b), then the time devoted may be claimed as continuing education under Rule 8.8. However, the time conducting the supervision group itself would not be eligible for continuing education credits.
- c. ASPPB Jurisdictional Survey – Dr. Root will complete the survey and return it to ASPPB.
- d. Michael Checkoff wrote the Board asking what constitutes a "clinical hour". The Board referred him to section 3001(1) of the statutes. He also asked what counts as a clinical supervision hour. This would be 60 minutes.

- e. Rick Barnett emailed the Board asking if the 6 credits in ethics that is required must be earned via large group activity or if it can be an independent study. The Board responded that the 6 hours in ethics can be in any format.
- f. Jeff Rettew emailed the Board asking if work as a career counselor could count toward qualification as a licensed psychologist. The Board said he would need to discuss this with his supervisor. The Board cannot offer an opinion until an application and report of supervision has been received. The Board recommends that this be discussed with his supervisor and that Part 4 of the Boards rules and Section 3001(1) of the statutes be reviewed.
- g. Kirke McVay submitted an email to the Board regarding Professional Wills. The Board responded that he should take the advice of his attorney. The “Professional Will” covers the considerations that are necessary to end a practice.
- h. Mika Barker-Hart emailed the Board with questions on becoming an approved sponsor of continuing education. She can either submit the curriculum to the Board for review, or if she wanted blanket approval, she would need to go through an organization that has already been preapproved by the Board, such as APA.
- i. Kay Frances Schepp submitted an article to the board from the New England Psychologist. The Board thanks her for this article.
- j. Mark Charpentier II, emailed the Board asking if he would be able to become licensed if he earned his doctoral degree online. The Board responded that if the online degree meets the requirements as set out in Part 2 of the Board’s rule it would be accepted.
- k. Michele Dailey emailed the Board regarding post degree hour requirements. The Board responded that this rule is not for a calendar year, but a year is considered a year from the date one begins the supervision. Within that year one must have 700 hours of practice to meet the requirements as outlined in Board rules.

8. The Board adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

2013 Scheduled meetings of the Board: April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Lafaille
Licensing Board Specialist