



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
October 17, 2024 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Marjorie Trombly, Robert Wubbenhorst, Dana Poverman (Ad Hoc), and Annie Ramniceanu (Ad Hoc).

Board Members Absent: Tammy Austin and Jessyca Nelle

Office Staff Present: Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator; and other OPR staff.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Changes to the Agenda**
 - a. CEU for ICE 214635 – How to Build a High Performance Team
 - b. Update on the Mental Health Licensing Study
3. **Minutes**

Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Poverman, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting as written. Approved.
4. **Other**
 - a. Executive Board Elections – Tabled until next month.
 - b. Attorney Eltabbakh updated the Board on the Mental Health Licensing Study and directed the Board to OPR's website on the MHLS:
<https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/regulatory/regulatory-review/mental-health/>
5. **Applications**
 - a. DeBarbieri, Jennifer – Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Ramniceanu, to table this application because there was not a quorum to make a decision. Approved.
 - b. Kirby, Matthew – Traditional endorsement from North Carolina – Ms. Ramniceanu moved, seconded by Ms. Poverman, to approve the supervision and education. He will need to take the one exam he has not taken, either the NCE or the NCMCHE. Approved.

- c. Morris, Chelsea – Traditional endorsement from Florida – Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Ramniceanu, to deny this application on the basis of endorsement because Florida’s LMHC licensing requirements are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s because Florida only requires 1500 total hours of post-graduation supervised practice, not 3000 hours as is required in Vermont. The applicant may apply through examination. Approved.
- d. Quayson, Alicia - Traditional endorsement from New Jersey, Maryland, or Washinton, DC. Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Ramniceanu, to deny this application on the basis of endorsement because the standards in Maryland are not substantially equivalent because Maryland requires a 125-hour field experience and Vermont requires a 700-hour internship. Maryland requires the NCE and Vermont requires the NCE and the NCMHCE. It was determined that the standards in New Jersey are not substantially equivalent because New Jersey does not require a Diagnosis course, which is required in Vermont. It was determined that the standards in Washington, D.C. are not substantially equivalent because Washington, D.C. does not break down the direct and indirect hours. Vermont requires at least 2000 direct hours and no more than 1000 indirect hours. The applicant may apply through examination. Approved.

6. Continuing Education

Mr. Wubbenhorst moved, seconded by Ms. Ramniceanu, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests. The motion carried.

- a. ICE 303617 – National Training Programs – The Board needs a syllabus, an agenda, and a breakdown of the hours before it can make a determination.
- b. CA 256809 – Foundations for Community Health Workers Supervision and Support. The board denied this request because it does not meet the requirements of rule 3.34(a)(2).
- c. ICE 292759 – A Place of Belonging – The board denied this request because it does not meet the requirements of rule 3.34(a)(2).
- d. ICE 300807 – Assisting Individual in Crisis & Group Crisis Intervention – The board denied this request because it does not meet the requirements of rule 3.34(a)(2).
- e. CA 257777 – Community Health Workers in Primary Care Setting – The board denied this request because it does not meet the requirements of rule 3.34(a)(2).
- f. ICE 214635 – How to Build on High Performance Team – this request did not include a syllabus, an agenda, information on the instructor. It was denied.

7. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

8. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024.

9. The Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

