



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
FEBRUARY 18, 2021 REMOTE MEETING

Present: Tammy Austin, Lynn Irwin, Carol Smith, Shawn Waldron, and Alexander Farrell, Ad Hoc; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille and Lauren Layman; Others: Lara Govendo.

1. General Business

- a. The Board called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- b. Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting as written. Approved.

2. Applications

Addeo, Amanda – The Board is unable to find a Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment course within her degree conferred. Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to preliminarily deny this application. Approved.

Capeless, Allison – MFT – Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, to approve her application on the basis of endorsement from Illinois. Approved.

Hirce, Catherine – The Board approved the Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment course. Additional coursework is needed to meet the requirements for licensure.

Perez, Amanda – The Board is unable to find a Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment course within her degree conferred. Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to preliminarily deny this application. Approved.

Slayton, Sarah – The 5-year rule requirement has not been met. The Board found that the standards and qualifications for licensure in Washington are not substantially equivalent to Vermont's standards and qualifications. Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the applicant is not eligible for licensure based on endorsement from another state or active practice in another state. Approved. The applicant may apply for a license on the basis of examination.

Watters, Laura – Endorsement from Maine. The Board found that the standards and qualifications for licensure in Maine are not substantially equivalent to Vermont's standards and qualifications. Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Waldron, that the

applicant is not eligible for licensure based on endorsement from another state. Approved. The applicant may apply on the basis of examination.

3. Continuing Education

Advanced Training for the Treatment of Complex Trauma and Dissociation – approved for 38 credits.

4. Other Business

- a. Blagorodna Efremovski emailed the Board regarding NVU joint undergraduate and Master's Degree courses. The Board is interested in this and looks forward to more information when it is available.
- b. Marguerite Congoran emailed the Board regarding a course qualifying for theories course requirement. The Board stated that without a course description and/or syllabus it cannot determine whether a course satisfies the course requirements for a theories course.
- c. The Uniform 3-year endorsement path to licensure will be discussed further at the Board's March 18th meeting.
- d. Attorney Layman updated the Board on pending Legislation.
- e. The Board will work in the jurisprudence exam at its next meeting.
- f. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021.
- g. The Board adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

5. Public Comment

Lara Govendo attended the Board meeting to discuss her education.