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Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners Disclosure Requirement

Vermont law requires persons licensed to practice psychotherapy to disclose to each client their professional qualifications and experience, those actions that constitute unprofessional conduct, and the method for filing a complaint or making a consumer inquiry. This must be done by the third appointment. Rules require the following information to be provided:

Qualifications and Experience: Please see description of education and experience below.

Scope of Practice Includes: Integrative therapeutic approach, balancing culturally informed, strengths-based practice with modalities including polyvagal theory and DBT derived strategies.

Area of specialization: Young adulthood, adolescence, anxiety, trauma, culturally informed care.

Treatment methods: Individual and group counseling.

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Psychologist, MA. Vermont Board of Psychological Examiners. May 2018.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Counselor, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT.

Provide individual counseling, group counseling and outreach to enrolled students on the Middlebury campus. Therapeutic approach is integrative and balances culturally informed, strengths-based practice with modalities including polyvagal theory and DBT informed strategies. (October 2022 to present.)

Outpatient Therapist, Counseling Service of Addison County, Middlebury, VT.

Provided assessment, individual and family therapy, and case management to adolescents and young adults up to age 22, across a full spectrum of mental health needs. Primary therapeutic modality was DBT informed practice blended with solution-focused, strength-based, and harm reduction principles. (July 2020 to October 2022).

School Based Clinician, Vergennes Union High School, Vergennes, VT.

Provided assessment, case management, group support and individual counseling grades 7 to 12 through a contract with CSAC; assisted with population-wide wellness activities such as mindfulness; facilitated intensive support teams for students in need of a higher level of intervention. (May 2012 to June 2020).

Student Assistance Professional, Vergennes Union High School, Vergennes, VT.

Provided supportive counseling, drug and alcohol screening and referrals, group support and prevention outreach to students grades 7 and 8 through a contract with CSAC. (Part-time August 2012 to June 2015).

Graduate Clinical Psychology Instructor, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT.

Oversaw the research, writing and defense of thesis work for the Master's in Clinical Psychology program. (Part-time August 2012 to May 2015).

Therapeutic Outreach Clinician, Counseling Service of Addison County, Middlebury, VT.

Engaged in community-based recreational and therapeutic interventions for youth and outreach to their families. (Part-time August 2011 to August 2012).

School Based Clinician, Mount Abraham Union High School, Bristol, VT.

Provided assessment, case management, group support and individual counseling to students grades 7 to 12 through a contract with CSAC. (Part-time March 2010 to April 2012).

Student Assistance Professional, Middlebury Union High School, Middlebury, VT.

Provided supportive counseling, drug and alcohol screening and referrals, group support and prevention outreach to students grades 9 to 12 through a contract with CSAC. (Part-time August 2009 to April 2012).

Adult Outpatient Therapist, Counseling Service of Addison County, Middlebury, VT.

Provided individual psychotherapy and psychiatric referrals to adults ages 18 to elderly, primarily to low-income clients. (Part-time November 2009 to March 2010).

School Counselor, Pine Ridge School, Williston, VT.

Provided individual counseling to students, ages 13 to 20, on social and emotional issues, adolescent development and learning disabilities. (August 2002 to April 2004).

Counselor, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Clinical internship for Master's program. Provided weekly individual counseling to undergraduate, graduate and medical students. Occasional outreach to the university campus. (20 hours per week, August 2001 to May 2002).

Clinical practicum student, Visiting Nurses Association, Colchester, VT.

Assisted with a play group, ages 0 to 3, at the Wheeler Family Room parent child center. Engaged in supportive discussions with mothers and provided childcare. (5-6 hours per week, October 2000 to May 2001).

Teaching Assistant, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT.

Planned weekly discussions for undergraduate General Psychology course in the fall semester. Led four discussion groups each week, wrote quizzes, maintained records for grading and attendance. Worked on the compilation of a case study library in the spring semester. (10-20 hours per week, September 2000 to May 2001).

Community Integration Specialist, Counseling Service of Addison County, Middlebury, VT.

Provided day services to developmentally disabled adults. Assisted in personal care, transportation, planning activities, and forming relationships in surrounding communities. (30-37 hours per week, Fall 1998 to Fall 2000).

Community Support Worker, Counseling Service of Addison County, Middlebury, VT.

Supervised residents at Hill House group home and facilitated interactions in the community during errands and recreational activities. (20-40 hours per week, Fall 1998).

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology. St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT. December 2002.

Course work includes: Clinical practicum, introduction to clinical interventions, theories of psychotherapy, principles of intensive psychotherapy, advanced abnormal psychology, psychological assessment, research methods, physiological psychology, social psychology, ethics seminar, play therapy, and advanced developmental psychology. Intercultural views on health and healing were examined during an experiential course in Bali, Indonesia, through the UVM Continuing Education program.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT. May 1998.

Course work includes: Abnormal psychology, child development, child psychopathology, diagnosis of psychopathology, approaches to psychotherapy, psychology of religions, biological basis of the mind, physiological psychology and neural and neuromuscular disorders. Requirements were also fulfilled for a minor in religion, which included courses in Christianity, the shaping of American religious life, and introduction to Eastern religions.

My practice is also governed by the Rules of the Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners. It is unprofessional conduct to violate those rules. A copy of those rules may be obtained from the Board or online at <http://vtprofessionals.org>

CLIENT'S DISCLOSURE CONFIRMATION

My signature acknowledges that I have been given the professional qualifications and experience of Leila McVeigh, a listing of actions that constitute unprofessional conduct according to Vermont statutes, and the method for making a consumer inquiry or filing a complaint with the Office of Professional Regulation. This information was given to me no later than my third office visit.

Client Signature Date

Practitioner's Signature Date

Office of Professional Regulation Notice

The Office of Professional Regulation provides Vermont licenses, certifications, and registrations for over 56,000 practitioners and businesses. Forty-six professions and occupations are supported and managed by this office. A list of professions regulated is found below.

Each profession or occupation is governed by laws defining professional conduct. Consumers who have inquiries or wish to obtain a form to register a complaint may do so by calling (802) 828-1505, or by writing to the Director of the Office, Secretary of State's Office, 89 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402.

Upon receipt of a complaint, an administrative review determines if the issues raised are covered by the applicable professional conduct statute. If so, a committee is assigned to investigate, collect information, and recommend action or closure to the appropriate governing body.

All complaint investigations are confidential. Should the investigation conclude with a decision for disciplinary action against a professional's license and ability to practice, the name of the license holder will then be made public.

Complaint investigations focus on licensure and fitness of the licensee to practice. Disciplinary action, when warranted, ranges from warning to revocation of license, based on the circumstances. You should not expect a return of fees paid or additional unpaid services as part of the results of this process. If you seek restitution of this nature, consider consulting with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, retaining an attorney, or filing a case in Small Claims Court.

Accountancy	Electrolysis Engineering
Acupuncture	Funeral Service
Architects	Hearing Aid Dispensers
Athletic Trainers	Land Surveyors
Auctioneers	Landscape Architects
Audiologists	Marriage & Family Therapists
Barbers & Cosmetologists	Clinical Mental Health Counselors
Boxing Control	Midwives
Chiropractic	Licensed Motor Vehicle Racing
Dental Examiners	Naturopaths Nursing
Dietitians	Nursing Home Administrators Occupational Therapists
Drug and Alcohol Counselor	Opticians

Optometry	Non-licensed Radiologic Technology
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons	Real Estate Appraisers
Pharmacy	Real Estate Respiratory Care
Physical Therapists	Social Workers
Private Investigative & Security Services	Tattooists
Property Inspectors	Veterinary
Psychoanalyst	
Psychology Professional	
Psychotherapist	

The Vermont Statutes Online

Title 3: Executive

Chapter 5: SECRETARY OF STATE

Sub-Chapter 3: Professional Regulation

3 V.S.A. § 129a. Unprofessional conduct

(a) In addition to any other provision of law, the following conduct by a licensee constitutes unprofessional conduct. When that conduct is by an applicant or person who later becomes an applicant, it may constitute grounds for denial of a license or other disciplinary action. Any one of the following items, or any combination of items, whether or not the conduct at issue was committed within or outside the State, shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

- (1) Fraudulent or deceptive procurement or use of a license.
- (2) Advertising that is intended or has a tendency to deceive.
- (3) Failing to comply with provisions of federal or state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession.
- (4) Failing to comply with an order of the board or violating any term or condition of a license restricted by the board.
- (5) Practicing the profession when medically or psychologically unfit to do so.
- (6) Delegating professional responsibilities to a person whom the licensed professional knows, or has reason to know, is not qualified by training, experience, education, or licensing credentials to perform them, or knowingly providing professional supervision or serving as a preceptor to a person who has not been licensed or registered as required by the laws of that person's profession.

(7) Willfully making or filing false reports or records in the practice of the profession; willfully impeding or obstructing the proper making or filing of reports or records or willfully failing to file the proper reports or records.

(8) Failing to make available promptly to a person using professional health care services, that person's representative, or succeeding health care professionals or institutions, upon written request and direction of the person using professional health care services, copies of that person's records in the possession or under the control of the licensed practitioner or failing to notify patients or clients how to obtain their records when a practice closes.

(9) Failing to retain client records for a period of seven years, unless laws specific to the profession allow for a shorter retention period. When other laws or agency rules require retention for a longer period of time, the longer retention period shall apply.

(10) Conviction of a crime related to the practice of the profession or conviction of a felony, whether or not related to the practice of the profession.

(11) Failing to report to the office a conviction of any felony or any offense related to the practice of the profession in a Vermont District Court, a Vermont Superior Court, a federal court, or a court outside Vermont within 30 days.

(12) Exercising undue influence on or taking improper advantage of a person using professional services or promoting the sale of services or goods in a manner which exploits a person for the financial gain of the practitioner or a third party.

(13) Performing treatments or providing services which the licensee is not qualified to perform, or which are beyond the scope of the licensee's education, training, capabilities, experience, or scope of practice.

(14) Failing to report to the office within 30 days a change of name or address.

(15) Failing to exercise independent professional judgment in the performance of licensed activities when that judgment is necessary to avoid action repugnant to the obligations of the profession.

(b) Failure to practice competently by reason of any cause on a single occasion or on multiple occasions may constitute unprofessional conduct, whether actual injury to a client, patient, or customer has occurred. Failure to practice competently includes:

(1) performance of unsafe or unacceptable patient or client care; or

(2) failure to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice.

(c) The burden of proof in a disciplinary action shall be on the State to show by a preponderance of the evidence that the person has engaged in unprofessional conduct.

(d) After hearing, and upon a finding of unprofessional conduct, a board or an administrative law officer may take disciplinary action against a licensee or applicant, including imposing an

administrative penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each unprofessional conduct violation. Any money received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Professional Regulatory Fee Fund established in section 124 of this title for the purpose of providing education and training for board members and advisor appointees. The Director shall detail in the annual report receipts and expenses from money received under this subsection.

(e) In the case where a standard of unprofessional conduct as set forth in this section conflicts with a standard set forth in a specific board's statute or rule, the standard that is most protective of the public shall govern. (Added 1997, No. 40, § 5; amended 2001, No. 151 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 27, 2002; 2003, No. 60, § 2; 2005, No. 27, § 5; 2005, No. 148 (Adj. Sess.), § 4; 2009, No. 35, § 2; 2011, No. 66, § 3, eff. June 1, 2011; 2011, No. 116 (Adj. Sess.), § 5.)

§ 4093. Unprofessional conduct

(a) Unprofessional conduct means the following conduct and conduct set forth in section 129a of Title 3:

(1) Providing fraudulent or deceptive information in an application for entry on the roster.

(2) Conviction of a crime that evinces an unfitness to practice psychotherapy.

(3) Unauthorized use of a protected title in professional activity.

(4) Conduct which evidences moral unfitness to practice psychotherapy.

(5) Engaging in any sexual conduct with a client, or with the immediate family member of a client, with whom the psychotherapist has had a professional relationship within the previous two years.

(6) Harassing, intimidating or abusing a client.

(7) Entering into an additional relationship with a client, supervisee, research participant or student that might impair the psychotherapist's objectivity or otherwise interfere with his or her professional obligations.

(8) Practicing outside or beyond a psychotherapist's area of training, experience or competence without appropriate supervision.

(b) After hearing, and upon a finding of unprofessional conduct, the board may take disciplinary action against a rostered psychotherapist or an applicant. (Added 1993, No. 222 (Adj. Sess.), § 17; amended 1997, No. 40, § 71; 1997, No. 145 (Adj. Sess.), § 61; 1999, No. 52, § 37.)