

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Marriage and Family Advisory Committee Meeting
December 09, 2022
Draft Minutes**

- I. Call to Order.** Mary Jones, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Committee Members: Advisory Committee members present by Zoom were Mary Jones, Jim Kilmartin, Nicole Eitzen, John Fleeker, James Godbey, Chris Habben, Marcie Lechtenberg. Jurdene Coleman was absent.

Staff: BSRB staff present by Zoom were David Fye and Leslie Allen.

- II. Approval of Agenda:** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the agenda. Marcie Lechtenberg seconded. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- A.** James Godbey moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on August 12, 2022. John Fleeker seconded. The motion passed.
- B.** Nicole Eitzen moved to approve the minutes from the Clinical Supervision Manual Subcommittee meeting on October 4, 2022. Marcie Lechtenberg seconded. The motion passed.
- C.** James Godbey moved to approve the minutes from the Clinical Supervision Manual Subcommittee meeting on December 5, 2022. Marcie Lechtenberg seconded. The motion passed.

- IV. Executive Director’s Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency updates.

V. New Business

A. Discussion on Reciprocity and other Requirements for Licensure.

- i. K.S.A. 65-6406 Reciprocity Statute.** The Advisory Committee discussed the reciprocity statute for the profession whether the years of practice in another jurisdiction should be reduced. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the Board remove the current requirement of having practiced in another jurisdiction 48 of the past 54 months, with new language to allow for reciprocity for individuals who are licensed in another jurisdiction “at an equivalent level,” regardless of the amount of time an individual has been licensed at that level in that other jurisdiction. The Advisory Committee reviewed the requirements for reciprocity at the clinical level and did not recommend any changes.
- ii. K.A.R. 102-5-3 Education Requirements for Licensure.** The Advisory Committee discussed the current educational requirement for applicants who

received their education from a program that is not accredited by the national accrediting body. Advisory Committee members discussed the need for an equivalency, as some applicants have no way to make up the hours if they did not undergo a practicum or if their practicum hours were less than 300 hours. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the Board add language to statute to permit either a 300-hour practicum or to allow other postgraduate hours so that applicants could make up the difference, and to allow individuals with a temporary license to complete these hours with a temporary license. The Advisory Committee further was supportive that individuals making up any postgraduate hours with a temporary license would need to complete those hours prior to sitting for an examination.

B. Finalization of Recommended Changes to Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.

The Executive Director summarized previous Advisory Committee recommended changes to the unprofessional conduct regulations for the profession. The Advisory Committee confirmed the following changes:

- i. **K.A.R. 102-5-16 Unprofessional Conduct Involving Recordkeeping.** The Advisory Committee confirmed they would like the unprofessional conduct regulation involving recordkeeping merged with the existing unprofessional conduct regulations in K.A.R. 102-5-12.
- ii. **K.A.R. 102-5-12(b)(12).** The Advisory Committee confirmed including additional topics consistent with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) standards, with the additional phrase “or any other marginalized group.”
- iii. **K.A.R. 102-5-12(b)(26).** The Advisory Committee confirmed changing the time period from 24 months to a standard where it is never appropriate.
- iv. **New Item #1.** The Advisory Committee confirmed adding a new item, which included practicing inappropriate boundaries with clients with regards to use of social media, including but not limited to, using a personal profile to connect or communicate with clients on any social media platform.
- v. **New Item #2.** The Advisory Committee confirmed adding a new item, which included disclosing confidential information through public social media.

C. Possible Unprofessional Conduct Regulation on Clients in Crisis After-Hours.

The Advisory Committee briefly discussed how to handle clients in crisis after-hours and how to provide substantial care to these clients. The Advisory Committee noted it intends to discuss this topic further at a future meeting.

VI. Next Meetings. The next meetings were tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2023; Friday, April 14, 2023; Friday, June 9, 2023; Friday August 11, 2023; Friday, October 13, 2023; and Friday, December 8, 2023. All meetings will be held from 10 a.m. until noon.

VII. Adjournment. Chris Habben moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Godbey seconded. The motion carried.