

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
LAC Advisory Committee Minutes
Friday, May 1, 2015

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Burks at 10:10 a.m..

Committee Members Present: Barbara Burks, Stephen Brazill, Kendal Carswell, Dan Peterson, and Kristina (Tina) Steffensmeier, Deb Stidham, & Cheryl Reynolds.

Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Jennifer Peerenboom, Marilyn Revell

Guests: none

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 6, 2015 were reviewed. The committee approved the minutes.

Call for agenda/discussion items: Senate Bill 254 was discussed at two days of hearings in March. The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee which is chaired by Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook heard from 2 proponents and 4 opponents. Senator Pilcher-Cook decided to table the SB254 until next legislative session. Max stated that the BSRB would amend the bill with some changes before the next session in 2016. Barbara urged the necessity of other groups to come forward in support of SB254. Cheryl suggested that the Legislative subcommittee meet with Senator Pilcher-Cook to discuss the SB254 before the next session.

Barbara asked that the LAC committee identify the needed changes to the addiction parts of SB254.

Deb said that the addition of the LMAC licensure level is a great idea. Changing the language from “under the supervision of” to “under the direction of” to make it more consistent with other professions would be ideal. This language would be more appropriate for this level of education and training. Deb said that the Association for Mental Health Centers should be proponents of SB254. Barbara suggested moving all appropriate licensees with a masters degree automatically to the LMAC with just a piece of paper stating that licensure level, but not charging a licensing fee for that. The “no-fee” clause would have to be inserted into the application statute on page 34 between line 21 & 22.

Barbara said that another major issue to tackle is the “transition to LCAC application”.

The committee discussed integrated treatment and dual diagnosis challenges. Deb pointed out that trying to get any movement on integrative care is frustrating and asked how many LCACs hold just this one license? Deb suggested we need a transition strategy. Barbara suggested that the professional association and educators create a strategy to address the issue.

Future meeting dates were rescheduled to accommodate the AG’s office in reviewing files to be brought before the BSRB Board. The new meeting dates were set for June 26th and August 28th, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned by Barbara at 11:55 a.m.