

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
LAC Advisory Committee Minutes  
Friday, August 19, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 10:00 a.m.

Committee members present in person were Stephen Brazill, Jason Hess, Duane Olberding, Dan Petersen, Tina Steffensmeier and Deb Stidham. Kendal Carswell and Cheryl Reynolds were present by phone. Chelle Wilson was absent.

Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Marilyn Revell

Guests: Sky Westerlund – KNASW, Michael James – Kansas City Kansas Community College

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Dan moved to correct the spelling of Kendal Carswell's name and then approve the minutes from the June 15, 2016 meeting. Tina seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Updates from Max Foster, Executive Director:**

The big legislation for BSRB passed this session.

- All the BSRB professions now have continuity in the language of the profession's statutes.
- Another change to the statutes was the wording change from "shall charge a fee" to "may charge a fee" to allow the Board some flexibility in licensing fees in the upcoming years.
- There is now a supervisor training requirement in the statutes for Marriage and Family Therapy and Professional Counselor professions.
- The Master's level of licensing in Addictions Counseling was put in place.
- The BSRB Board met last Monday and agreed to reduce all licensing fees by \$50 and eliminating the Original Licensing fee for all the professions. The regulations will now go through the process required.
- In 2015, the BSRB fee fund was swept for \$500,000. There was no fee fund sweep this year.
- In July, Max and Leslie spoke at the KAAP meeting about the new LMAC licensure level of addiction counseling. All of the possibly eligible applicants/licensees were notified by email and letter about the conversion possibility. To date, 110 LMAC conversion applications have been approved and licensed with a total of 145 LMAC conversion applications received.

**Review of proposed regulations for LMAC – Leslie Allen:**

102-7-4a – add LMAC language to the appropriate areas.

102-7-4b – change from 5 years to 60 out the last 66 months to allow more flexibility to the reciprocity applications.

102-7-4 application regulation was approved by the committee.

The statute changed to add LMAC requirements. Added the MAC exam for LMAC licensure.

Leslie will have the committee review all the regulations and make suggestions on the other regulations to report back at the next meeting. Leslie asked if the committee would be willing to meet by phone to discuss the rest of the regulations concerning the addictions counseling profession. It was agreed by the committee to meet by phone on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 2 p.m. to review the rest of the regulations to submit to the Board at the September out-of-town Board meeting.

Batterers Intervention work-related cases are coming before the CRC by an LAC professional. Tina said that Batterers Intervention Law/Programs come out of addiction treatment facilities. This is causing a problem with jurisdiction. Co-facilitators of a group could be LACs, but there is currently no license for Batterers Intervention Program facilitators. Deb said that there are expectations to hire someone to run Batterers Intervention Programs across the state in agencies. There is no certification or license for this field at this time. Where is the state going with this issue? Leslie state that Cindy D'Ercole, BSRB Investigator wanted this Advisory's opinion on Batterers Intervention. Deb is concerned with overregulating this profession. Cheryl pointed out that the unprofessional conduct regulation covers that issue with the "out-of-scope" of the license. Dan stated that this is an "agency issue" within the agency. If the Department of Corrections ordered someone to do an addiction program and a batterers intervention program, the DOC should handle this within the agency as a documentation issue. *It was suggested that this topic be discussed at the out-of-town Board meeting.*

#### **Workforce Development Activities:**

- Deb reported that there was a meeting yesterday, August 18, 2016. Deb, Jason, and Steve attended the meeting. CEU requirements were discussed. There was some clarification asked for in the regulations.
- For supervision, it was recommended that 100 hours could be done by video conference and 50 hours in person (within the same physical space).
- Ratio of number of supervisees to supervisor: 4 maximum supervisees to 1 supervisor? Regulation say 6 supervisees to 1 supervisor.
- There was discussion about what was a "related degree" for the LMAC conversion applications or LMAC regular applications. Addiction Counseling in some schools is found in the "Human Services" Department.
- The educational requirements are the same for the LMAC and the LCAC.
- Deb asked Leslie to send the education regulation to Dan and Kendal to review.

#### **New Business:**

3 Conversion applications were reviewed by the committee because those applicants had non-related degrees.

- The first applicant, JW, has a Master's in Theology with no coursework that supported addiction counseling in the Master's program. Application was denied.

- The second applicant, FE, has a Master's in Technical Teacher Education with no coursework that supported addiction counseling at the Master's level. Application was denied.
- The third applicant, KM, has a Master's in Administration and Justice with no coursework that supported addiction counseling in the Master's program. Application was denied.

**Adjournment:**

- The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Jason moved to adjourn the meeting, and Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m. by Deb Stidham.