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

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 10:03 a.m.

Committee members present in person: Deb Stidham. Present by phone: Stephen Brazill, Dan Petersen, Cheryl Reynolds and Kristina (Tina) Steffensmeier

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

Guests: Sky Westerlund - KNASW attended by phone; Christi Darnell – Valley Hope, Atchison, KS attended in person.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Cheryl moved to approve the minutes as presented, Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Staff Update: Max updated the committee on BSRB legislation currently in the Kansas legislature. SB449 has replaced SB254 from the 2015 legislative session. It is currently in the Senate Public Health and Welfare committee. Changes that have been made since being introduced in the committee include: the removal of the supervision training requirements for social workers, approval of applications by a 2/3 vote of the Board instead of a simple majority. SB229 has now been passed out of the committee and will be heard in the Senate. One sentence concerning the "LMAC" was inadvertently omitted in SB449. It is a technical change to the bill and this amendment can take place on the floor of the Senate when the bill is heard. If the technical change doesn't happen in the Senate, then Max will testify in the House committee.

FAQ's for Addiction Counseling that will go on the new website were sent to committee members. The plan is for the new website to be in operation before the Board meeting in March.

Please check your information to be published on the website. Marilyn will send out the list to be checked by committee members within the next few weeks. Reply by email to Marilyn with any changes or to confirm the information.

Advisory Committee Membership: Deb brought 2 potential members' qualifications to the committee for review. Chelle Wilson is a Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) with the Substance Abuse Center of Kansas located in Wichita. Deb has known Shelly for almost 20 years. Duane Olberding is a Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor (LCAC) as well as a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW). He operates Professional Treatment Services with offices in Topeka and Lawrence. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the addition of these two professionals to the Advisory Committee. Cheryl will request that Grant Edwards, Board Chair, appoint these two new advisory members at the March Board meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016 at 10 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by Deb Stidham.