

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
LAC Advisory Committee Minutes
Friday, January 22, 2016**

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

Committee Members Present: Kendal Carswell, Dan Petersen, and Kristina (Tina) Steffensmeier, Deb Stidham, & Cheryl Reynolds. Present by phone: Stephen Brazill, Dalyn Schmitt
Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Jennifer Peerenboom, Marilyn Revell
Guests: Sky Westerlund- KNASW attended by phone

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 1, 2015 meeting and October 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Cheryl moved to approve the minutes, Tina seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Advisory Committee Membership: Deb let the committee know that an address list was sent to the committee to review to make sure the information on file is up-to-date. Deb reminded committee members that the information would be made public. She also asked the Advisory committee for a renewed commitment. Dalyn asked what the term limits were for committee members. Cheryl noted that the public members are Board members and she thought that one third of the professional members rotated off the Advisory committee each year. Deb let the committee know that Tom Buell had resigned and there was another opening on the committee due to Deb being appointed to the BSRB Board and as chair for the Advisory Committee. Leslie said that the BSRB staff can send out an email to garner interest and the interested parties can email a letter of interest to Max at max.foster@bsrb.state.ks.us.

Frequency and Schedule of Advisory Committee Meetings: The committee discussed the frequency of the advisory meetings as being held on the third Friday of every other month opposite the months that the Board meetings are held. The next two meetings will be scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2016 and Friday, April 15, 2016. The meetings will remain at 10 a.m.

Status of SB 254 – Max Foster – Staff Report: SB254 was heard during the 2015 legislative session. Since the 2015 session, BSRB has met with stakeholder leaders. Since there are so many changes to last year's bill, a new bill is currently being drafted to present to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee in the upcoming weeks.

Some of the changes include:

- No reference to striking the language referring to the DSM
- Language for reciprocity requirements will stay as presented in SB254
- Addiction counselors – introduction of the LMAC (Licensed Masters Addiction Counselors) to be consistent with the other BSRB professions
- Grounds to deny, suspend and revoke a license – there was a suggested language change to define “incompetence”
- Other language changes to make the language parallel in all professions
- BSRB is holding firm on the supervisory training requirements and standards for the Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers.

- Social Work safety training requirements will remain as a post-degree requirement for first time renewals.
- The ability of the Board to ask for applicants' fingerprints as a part of the application process is being retained in the bill.
- All BSRB professions will now be a part of KOMA
- Adopted the suggestion of the Kansas Addiction Counselors language change from "under the supervision of" to "under the direction of" in the part of the bill that addresses the masters level of addiction counseling licensees.
- On January 19, 2016, Max presented an "Agency Overview" of BSRB to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. The presentation was very well received.
- HB2457 – Max asked that Assistant Behavior Analysts and Behavior Analysts be added to this bill as required "mandated reporters" for abuse.
- Regulations are currently being written for this new profession of Behavior Analysts that BSRB will be licensing as of July 1, 2016.
- Budget hearings are currently going on in the legislature.
- February 12, 2016 is the deadline for a new bill to be introduced in the house of origin
- February 26, 2016 is the deadline for a bill to be passed out of its house of origin to be heard in the other house.

Develop FAQ's for Addiction Counselors on the BSRB website: Jennifer and Leslie have already come up with questions for the website. Marilyn can send these out to the committee by email.

- Brochures for each profession have been developed and the staff can email the Addiction Counselor brochure to the Advisory committee.
- Jennifer suggested that to emphasize the educational requirements to become licensed as an addiction counselor, that the BSRB hold informational sessions with educators. There was also a recommendation to put the requirements to become an Addiction Counselor on each of the BSRB profession pages.
- Leslie stated that once the new bill passes the legislature, all current masters level licensees can be moved to the LMAC license with no application.
- The end date for LAC and LCAC "grandparenting" license applications will be July 2017.
- Kendal asked when the lists of licensed professionals will again be available on the BSRB website. Leslie stated that the new website is scheduled to be launched at the end of February 2016. All the lists and forms will be available on the website at that time. All of the forms will be able to be filled in online, then printed out and mailed in with original signatures.
- After the new BSRB bill passes the legislature, the fee reduction plan should be able to be enacted as of July 1, 2016. The plan is to eliminate all original license fees and reduce other licensing fees by \$30.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. by Deb Stidham.