

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Licensed Addiction Counselor Advisory Committee
October 16, 2020 Minutes**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 11:00 a.m.

Addiction Counselor Advisory Committee Members. Those who participated by zoom were Lisa Carter, Deb Stidham, Jacqueline Lightcap, Jason Hess, Dulcinea Rakestraw, Kendal Carswell, and Michael James.

BSRB Staff: Those who participated by zoom were Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Ashley VanBuskirk and Sami Barksdale.

Guests. None.

Approval of August Minutes: Dulcinea Rakestraw moved to approve minutes after changing Michael Jones to Michael James. Lisa Carter seconded. The motion passed.

BSRB Executive Director Report by Max Foster.

- Launched our new database My License Office MLO on August 24th. Had a few glitches when it launched but we are working through them.
- Max submitted the budget on time on September 15th. The budget is in good shape.
- Recent executive orders given by the Governor's office that impact licensure boards. Our agency has been able to extend licenses expiring March though now to not expire until after the pandemic. Current extension date for renewals is November 15, 2020 but could be extended again. The expiration date will remain the same as their original expiration date once they renew their license.
- Max is retiring the end of the year and the Board has hired a new director to fill his position. The new director will be David Fye and will start November 16, 2020.
- Briefly discussed legislation that did not get a hearing due to COVID. The bill will hopefully be heard next legislative session.
- Max sent a request to Governor's office regarding telephonic supervision due to COVID. To date we have not heard back yet if this will become an executive order or not.

New Business.

- Legislative issues for 2021. The committee discussed adding telephonic services to the definition of direct client contact in regulations. The consensus of the committee was to include telephonic services in the definition of direct client contact. As part of the required 1,500 hours of direct client contact needed for clinical licensure, require at least 25% to 30% of direct client contact be completed in person. Also, that exceptions be added to include language that allows for emergencies or extenuating circumstances.
- The committee discussed frequency of supervision sessions. They decided on having at least 1 hour of supervision for every 14 days.

Old Business.

- Auditing addiction coursework. Kendal and Michael will be working on completing documents to bring to the committee. Will try to bring to next committee meeting.
- Discussed two new possible committee members, Christina Boyd and Sohna Shook. Deb will appoint Sohna and Christina to the committee.

Updates from Members: None.

Adjournment. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Jason Hess motioned to adjourn. Dulcinea Rakestraw seconded. The motion passed.