

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee
Minutes from Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

Call to Order: Ric Steele, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance: Ric Steele, Carol Crane, Monica Kurylo, Rodney McNeal, Janine Kesterson, and Abby Callis.

BSRB Staff in Attendance: David Fye and Leslie Allen.

Review and Approval for the Agenda: Monica Kurylo moved to approve the agenda. Janine Kesterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes from Meeting on April 13, 2021: Monica Kurylo moved to approve the minutes with two amendments, to correctly reflect that Janine Kesterson was present at the April 13 meeting and to adjust the header of the minutes to reflect that the minutes were from the Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee meeting on April 13, 2021. Rodney McNeal seconded motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

BSRB Executive Director Report. David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following items:

1. HB 2208 is the bill that was requested by the Board of the BSRB with statutory changes for licensees. The bill has been signed into law by the Governor and BSRB staff have been working on the implementation of the bill by adjusting application forms, modifying frequently asked question sections of the BSRB website, and answering questions from potential licensees. An e-mail was sent by the Executive Director to licensees explaining the changes in the bill and this information was posted to the BSRB website.
2. HB 2066 was passed by the 2021 Legislature and requires expedited licensing for certain military members, military spouses, individuals planning to establish residency in Kansas, and individuals that have already established residency in Kansas who meet other special requirements. The bill will become effective upon passage in the statute book, which the BSRB believes will take place sometime in July. On July 1, 2021, the agency will begin tracking individuals who apply for licensure under the provisions of the bill. Additionally, given the expedited licensure application processing times, the Legislature granted expenditures authority for the BSRB to hire an additional part-time licensing specialist in FY 2022.
3. During the pandemic, the Governor and Legislature issued a state of emergency and extensions of the emergency. The current state of emergency extension is set to expire on June 15, 2021. During the pandemic, the Governor issued executive orders instructing licensing bodies to delay enforcement of the expiration of professional licenses which had expired during the pandemic. Following the April 1, 2021 extension of the state of emergency, the Governor issued a different executive order which provided flexibility to regulatory bodies to begin enforcing expiration of these licenses. At Board meeting on May 10, the Board voted to begin enforcing expiration of these licenses after May 28, 2021, so long as future extensions of the state of emergency provide this flexibility. This information was sent to individuals with expired licenses and it was posted to the BSRB website.
4. Per instructions from the Governor's office and the Department of Administration, all BSRB staff are returning to working in the BSRB office full-time starting on June 14, 2021. Any agencies wishing to allow employees to work from home had to have an approved telework policy. After thoughtful consideration, the BSRB is launching a telework pilot program for a limited number of employees to telework up to two days per week. The pilot is in accordance

with the Department of Administration's telework policy and will run from June through the end of this calendar year. The BSRB will monitor the effectiveness of this pilot in consideration of expanding the pilot to other staff members, so long as it does not negatively affect operations.

Old Business:

- 1. PSYPACT.** The Executive Director reported that PSYPACT, the multi-state compact for licensed psychologists which allows telehealth services and a limited number of in-person days of practice in compact states, was passed by the Legislature in SB 170. The Executive Director noted that while the effective date of the bill is January 1, 2022, the Board will need to resolve two items. An amendment was added in conference committee to the final version of the bill to allow the Board to charge a fee up to \$25 at the time of licensure or renewal to licensed psychologists who choose to participate in PSYPACT and list Kansas as the practitioner's home state. Additionally, the Executive Director was informed that the Board could select a representative to serve on the PSYPACT Commission, though this member would not have the ability to vote on Commission matters until the January 1, 2022. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Executive Director for the BSRB become the representative for Kansas to the PSYPACT Commission. This recommendation will be provided to the Board at the next Board meeting.
- 2. Retention or Disposal of Practitioner Records in Case of Death of a Provider.** At the last Advisory Committee meeting, the Advisory Committee discussed retention or disposal of practitioner records in the case of death of a solo practitioner. The Advisory Committee discussed several potential options concerning this scenario and the consensus of the Advisory Committee was to add a field to the licensure renewal application where a psychologist would be required to list the person who will receive their records when they pass. This requirement would allow the Board to provide clients information to assist them in locating records, if the records are still available. This recommendation will be discussed by the Board at the out-of-town Board meeting in September.
- 3. Continuing Education - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.** At the last Advisory Committee meeting, the Advisory Committee recommended the Board consider requiring three hours of continuing education in diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Chair reported the Board discussed this topic at the Board meeting on May 10 and stated that this topic would be discussed in greater detail at the out-of-town Board meeting in September.

New Business:

Applications for New Advisory Committee Members. The Chair discussed the length of service limitations for Advisory Committee members: four 2-year terms. Due to years served, one member of the Advisory Committee will be ending their service to the Advisory Committee shortly. Members of the Advisory Committee noted they would like to send an email to licensed psychologists, indicating there is an opening and need for additional Advisory Committee members. Members of the Advisory Committee noted the value of representation on the Advisory Committee in the following areas: rehabilitation and health psychologists; veterans affairs; community mental health; psychologists who work with diverse populations; and geographic representation of practitioners across the state.

Next Meeting Date: August 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Monica Kurylo moved to adjourn the meeting. Carol Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed.