

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2022**

**Approved Minutes**

- I. Call to Order** - Ric Steele, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.  
  
**Advisory Committee Members in Attendance** - Ric Steele, Johnna Norton, Doug Wright, Carol Crane, Abby Callis, Jessica Hamilton, Tiffany Johnson, Janine Kesterson, Rodney McNeal, and Zachary Parrett were present by Zoom.  
  
**BSRB Staff in Attendance** - David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.
- II. Review and Approval of the Agenda** - Doug Wright moved to approve the agenda. Jessica Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Meeting on October 12, 2021** - Jessica Hamilton moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on October 12, 2021. Abby Callis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director Report** - David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB), reported on the following items:
  - A. BSRB Staff Update** - As of January 4, 2022, all BSRB licensing staff is back in the office full-time. Investigators are using a hybrid model, working in the office three days each week and utilizing the BSRB Telework Pilot two days each week. The BSRB filled an open Administrative Assistant position at the end of December. The BSRB was closed Wednesday, February 2, 2022, due to inclement weather, but most staff were still able to work remotely due to current technology.
  - B. January Board Meeting** - The Executive Director provided updates from the Board meeting on January 10, 2022. The previous Board Governance Policy was last modified in 2011. In the fall, the Board recommended significant changes and the document has been replaced by two new documents: (1) an Expectations of Board Members Policy and (2) an Advisory Committee Policy. The Board discussed whether to pursue statutory changes to allow persons with more than one license to be able to renew their license at the same time. The Board was supportive of allowing syncing of the expiration date of multiple licenses, but not to make it a requirement. The BSRB will be working on proposed language to make this change.
  - C. 2022 Legislative Session** - On January 11, 2022, the Governor provided the State of the State address. Legislation was requested on behalf of BSRB in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. The bill including the recommendations of the Board of the BSRB is Senate Bill 387. An announcement about the bill is on the BSRB website. The Executive Director provided a summary of the three items in the bill. The bill hearing will be in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

- D. Budget Update** - The Governor's recommendation for the agency's budget was the same amount as the BSRB's revised estimates in FY 2022 and FY 2023. The budget for the BSRB was approved by the House Budget Committee and was reported out of House Appropriations Committee favorably with no changes. The agency's budget will be heard by the Senate Transparency and Ethics Committee on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, and is scheduled to be reported out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Friday, February 11, 2022.
- E. FARB Conference** - The Executive Director was invited to speak at the Federal Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas, on the topic of Public Protection Through Creative Access to Information.

## V. Old Business

- A. PSYPACT Update** - The Executive Director noted that, as of January 1, 2022, Kansas is officially a member of the multi-state Compact for Licensed Psychologists named PSYPACT. As of that date, Licensed Psychologists with a Kansas license who list Kansas as their home state are able to apply to the PSYPACT Commission for permission to practice telehealth services in other Compact states. The BSRB has included information on PSYPACT on the agency's website, including links to information on PSYPACT as well as a link to check whether an out-of-state practitioner is authorized to practice under the Compact. As of January 31, 2022, 19 BSRB practitioners with Kansas as their home state have applied and all of those individuals have been approved to provide telehealth services under the Compact and one practitioner has applied and has been approved to provide limited in-state services under the Compact. PSYPACT will host a mid-year meeting in July 2022 and will host an annual meeting in November 2022. The Executive Director summarized recent news items related to PSYPACT in the quarterly PSYPACT newsletter. Advisory Committee members asked whether participation in PSYPACT has led to changes in malpractice insurance rates. The Executive Director stated that he has not heard any information on this topic from the PSYPACT Commission. Advisory Committee members noted concern that members of the public may not know practitioners are practicing under PSYPACT. The Advisory Committee noted its intention to discuss methods for practitioners to inform clients that a practitioner is practicing under PSYPACT. Advisory Committee members asked whether the BSRB has specific statutes or regulations requiring certain assessments or services to be performed in-person, rather than by tele-service. The Executive Director did not believe there were statutes or regulations requiring an in-person requirement. The Advisory Committee noted it would continue discussion on this point in the future.
- B. Recommendations for Continuing Education** - The Executive Director noted that the bill requested by the Board (SB 387) includes the Advisory Committee recommendation requiring 3 hours of continuing education in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for Licensed Psychologists each two-year renewal cycle and allowing these hours to double-count within existing continuing education requirements of 3 hours of ethics or 6 hours in diagnosis and treatment. The Executive Director briefly summarized the testimony he plans to present to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on February 9, 2022.

## VI. New Business

- A. Training for Board Members** – The Executive Director provided training to Board members and Advisory Committee members serving on the Advisory Committee, including

an overview of the Expectations of Board Members Policy, the Advisory Committee Policy, Guidelines for Public Attendees of Meetings, and a summary of Board Member and Advisory Committee Orientation prepared by Assistant Attorney General Janet Arndt.

- B. Discussion on Unprofessional Conduct Regulations** - The Executive Director noted Advisory Committee members received a copy of the unprofessional conduct regulations for the profession and asked members to review the regulations to be able to discuss whether any changes are needed at the next Advisory Committee meeting. The Executive Director noted the importance of Advisory Committees reviewing the statutes and regulations for the professions to make sure those documents do not contain outdated terminology and take into consideration changes in technology, such as social media and telehealth.
- C. Discussion on Committee Work for the Upcoming Year** - The Chair noted the importance of members of the Advisory Committee reviewing the statutes and regulations for potential changes.

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date:** Tuesday April 12, 2022, 6 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Abby Callis moved to Adjourn. Carol Crane seconded. The motion carried.