

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Marriage and Family Advisory Committee Meeting
February 11, 2022**

I. Call to Order. Mary Jones, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 10am.

Committee Members: Advisory Committee members present by Zoom were Mary Jones, Jurdene Coleman, Jim Godbey, Rebecca Culver-Turner, Joyce Baptist, and John Fleeker

Staff: BSRB staff present by Zoom were David Fye and Leslie Allen

II. Approval of Minutes: Rebecca Culver-Turner moved to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2021, Advisory Committee meeting as written. Jurdene Coleman seconded. The motion carried.

III. Executive Director's Report. David Fye, Executive Director for the 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 In the fall, the Board recommended significant changes and the document has been replaced by two new documents: (1) an Expectations of Board Members Policy and (2) an Advisory Committee Policy.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 in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee was on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.
- D. Syncing Expiration Dates for Multiple Licenses.** The Board previously requested Advisory Committees discuss whether the BSRB should pursue a change to allow syncing expiration dates for licenses. While some Advisory Committees were supportive of syncing expiration dates for licenses, other Advisory Committees stated that it would be helpful to keep the expiration dates separate due to the flexibility of spreading out the fees for both licenses and the desire to separate the different requirements for each license, such as continuing education hours. The Executive Director noted that the statutes currently define a licensure period as two years from the date the license is issued for most professions, so any change to allow adjustments to the expiration dates would need to be a change in statute, which would require language to be passed by the Legislature in a bill. Based on the discussions by the Board, the

BSRB is moving forward with drafting language that would allow syncing of expiration dates to be an option, rather than a requirement.

- E. Records of Deceased Practitioners.** Last year, Advisory Committees were asked to discuss whether their professions would prefer the Board add new statutory or regulatory language to address records of practitioners who pass away unexpected, when there is no logical custodian for those records. Based on the recommendations by the Advisory Committees and the discussions by the Board members, the BSRB is working on language to address this topic.
- F. 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 was 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.
- G. FARB Conference.** The Executive Director was recently 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.

IV. Old Business

- A. Continued Discussion on “In Residence” Educational Requirements.** At the previous Advisory Committee meeting, the Advisory Committee discussed that students from accredited and non-accredited programs must have completed half of their educational hours “in residence” at an academic institution. “In residence” is defined as at the same physical location in front of core faculty. Joyce Baptist moved to change the definition of “in residence” so that institutions accredited by the national accrediting body would no longer be required to have half of their hours “in residence,” while non-accredited institutions would continue to have the requirement for half of their hours to be “in residence.” Jim Godbey seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- B. Supervision of Supervision Language.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee noted that the current Board-approved supervisor regulation requires 15 hours of training (noted as continuing education), however within the language for the continuing education regulation, supervision of supervision is not included under the list of approved continuing education activities. The continuing education regulation allows some supervision, but not explicitly supervision of supervision. The new language would say hands-on practice of supervision while receiving at least 8 hours of supervision of supervision. Jurdene Coleman moved to adopt the new language. Joyce Baptist seconded. The motion carried.
- C. Continuing Education Language.** The Advisory Committee discussed adding standards to the regulations for continuing education to add 8 hours of supervision of supervision toward CEU totals. John Fleeker moved to change standards. Joyce Baptist seconded. The motion passed.

V. New Business

- A. Training for Board/Advisory Committee Members.** Due to time limitations, training for Advisory Committee members was moved to the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- B. Advisory Committee Recruitment.** Advisory Committee Members Joyce Baptist and Rebecca Culver-Turner will be reaching their maximum length of service on the Advisory Committee at the end of June, after serving 8 years on the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director asked if the members of the Advisory Committee would like to use the same recruitment process as other Advisory Committees. The Executive Director explained the Advisory Committee membership recruitment and discussion process. John Fleeker moved for the Advisory Committee to use the same standard as other Advisory Committees for recruitment. John Fleeker motioned, Joyce Baptist seconded. The motion carried. The Executive Director noted he would draft a letter to send to all licensees and would ask individuals interested in serving on the Advisory Committee to submit a letter of interest and resume for consideration.
- C. 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.

VI. Other Business. None.

VII. Next Meeting. The next Marriage and Family Advisory Committee meeting will be on Friday, April 8, 2022.

VIII. Adjournment. Jurdene Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Baptist seconded. The motion carried.