

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Marriage and Family Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 11, 2023**

**Approved Minutes**

- 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, Jim Kilmartin, Jurdene Coleman, Nicole Eitzen, John Fleeker, James Godbey, Chris Habben and Marcie Lechtenberg.

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

- II. Approval of Agenda.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the agenda. Jurdene Coleman seconded. The motion carried.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on June 23, 2023.** James Godbey moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on June 23, 2023. Jim Kilmartin seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided an update on agency operations and legislative topics.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Discussion on Adding New Members to the Advisory Committee.** The Advisory Committee continued discussing adding new members to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director spoke with legal counsel to determine whether an e-mail could be sent to the applicants requesting additional information concerning areas of diverse representation and it was determined this request could not be made. The Advisory Committee discussed the applicants further. Marcie Lechtenberg moved to recommended adding Heidi Vela to the Advisory Committee. Mary Jones seconded. Jim Kilmartin and Jurdene Coleman abstained from the vote. The motion carried. Jim Kilmartin moved to hold off adding any additional members other than Heidi at this point. James Godbey seconded. The motion carried.
- B. Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to Requirements for Clinical Training Plans in K.A.R. 102-5-7a.** The Advisory Committee discussed if they would like any additional changes to be made to the training plan and decided there were not have any additional changes at this time.
- C. Continued Discussion on Regulations.** The Executive Director provided an overview of the recommended changes from the previous meeting.

- i. **K.A.R. 102-5-10 Continuing Education.** The Advisory Committee members reviewed the regulation and did not offer any recommended changes, but will continue discussion at a future meeting.
- ii. **K.A.R. 102-5-11 Documentation for Continuing Education.** The Advisory Committee members reviewed the regulation recommended updating language in the regulation to remove references to requiring “original and signed certificate,” so that electronic versions and copies of documentation was acceptable. The Advisory Committee members will continued to review and discussion the regulation at a future meeting.

**D. Continued Discussion on Proposed Changes to Unprofessional Conduct Regulations for Other Professions.** The Executive Director provided Advisory Committee members with a packet of proposed changes to the unprofessional conduct regulations for all professions regulated by the BSRB at the previous meeting. Advisory Committee members started to review the proposed changes for the other professions and would like to discuss a future meeting whether those changes should be adopted for the marriage and family therapy profession.

## **VI. New Business**

**A. Discussion on Members of Other Professions Serving as Board-Approved Supervisors for Marriage and Family Therapists.** The Executive Director reviewed the language in regulation, which directs supervision to be provided by a member of the marriage and family therapy profession, but permits members of other professions to serve as supervisors for marriage and family therapists if they are Board-Approved supervisors and extenuating circumstances exist for needing a member of another profession to provide the supervision. It was noted that the BSRB has recently received requests for supervisor from other professions to be approved, with the reason being that some facilities would like to pay member of their own staff to provide the supervision, rather than to pay someone outside of the facility to provide the supervision. Members were asked whether the current criteria “extenuating circumstances,” should remain the criteria or whether it should be changed. The Advisory Committee discussed members of other professions serving as supervisors for marriage and family therapists and members expressed a strong preference for having a marriage and family therapist be supervisors for marriage and family therapists. The Advisory Committee will continue discussion on this topic a future meeting.

**VII. Next Meetings.** The next meetings were scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2023, and Friday December 8, 2023 (all meetings at 10am).

**VIII. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned.