

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Masters Level Psychology Advisory Committee
November 4, 2021, Minutes**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 10:00 a.m.

Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Members. Advisory Committee Members who participated by Zoom or by phone were David Anderson, Joshua Tanguay, Rebecca Jabara, Iris Pauly, Kari Wold, and Lauren Lucht.

BSRB Staff. BSRB staff members who participated by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.

Guests. None

Additions to the Agenda. None.

Approval of the Agenda. Kari Wold moved to approve the agenda and Joshua Tanguay seconded. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes. Iris Pauly moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2021, meeting as written. Joshua Tanguay seconded. The motion passed.

Introductions. New Advisory Committee members Rebecca Jabara, Lauren Lucht, and Kari Wold gave introductions to the Advisory Committee.

Executive Director's Report – David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following items:

- Per the Governor's direction to state agencies in state buildings, BSRB staff is primarily remotely primarily, but the office remains open. This has been extended until January 3, 2022. If it is extended again, we will know closer to that time.
- License renewals are mostly being done online and we are working to get initial applications available to be done online.
- The agency is in the process of hiring another staff member, since a previous staff member resigned recently. The position is currently being advertised and the agency will interview applicants after it closes.
- New Board member Donna Hoener-Queal has been appointed by the Governor as a public member of the Board.
- Several advisory committees have recently made recommendations on adding new members.
- The last regular full Board meeting was in September. The Board met for the Board planning meeting on September 27th and October 25th to discuss many different items. Due to the Board completing its work, the Board Chair cancelled the November Board meeting. The next full Board meeting is scheduled for January.
- The Executive Director and Assistant Director had many meetings groups of students at universities over the past month, via Zoom, to discuss the function of the agency and the Board and the licensure process.

Recognition of Shelly Duncan's Years of Service. David Anderson recognized Shelly Duncan for her many years of service to the Advisory Committee.

Old Business

- a. **Updating on Forum for Meetings (In-Person, Remote, Hybrid)** – The Advisory Committee discussed how they would like future meetings to be held. All meetings are being held by Zoom at this time due to the current state of the state.
- b. **Continuing Education Hours in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.** The full Board discussed whether to require continuing education hours in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at the Board’s annual planning meetings. The concerns of the Advisory Committee were taken to the Board at that time. Views were expressed that requiring too many hours in specific topics would limit the choices of practitioners and that some of these topics are already covered for practitioners when they receive education for their degrees. Also, the Advisory Committee was not in favor of reducing the current required hours in diagnosis and treatment, which has been suggested by other Advisory Committees. The full Board decided to not require this for licensees CEU requirements, however Licensed Psychologists required it be required for their profession. The Board will allow that to move forward for the Legislative session next year.

New Business

- a. **“In Residence” Requirements – Review Other Professions Definitions.** Leslie Allen explained that several individuals have spoken with the agency recently asking that the requirement for “In-Residence” be removed or adjusted to make it easier to obtain a license in Kansas. The Advisory Committee members discussed this topic and recommended tabling this topic until the next meeting.
- b. **Synching Expiration Dates for Holders of Multiple Licenses Under BSRB.** There have been requests to allow licensees with multiple licenses to allow their licenses to sync up on expiration dates making it easier to remember and be able to use CEU’s for both at the same time. Current statutes include language that states licenses are for 24-month periods, so a change would require the statute to be amended to allow this as an option. The Advisory Committee discussed recommending providing this as an option to licensees.

Additional Agenda Items. The members of the Advisory Committee discussed why social workers are the only profession that allows pre-approved continuing education courses. Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager, noted that no other professions had requested pre-approval as an option for these continuing education courses.

Adjournment. The next meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2022, at 12:00 pm. Kari Wold motioned to adjourn. Joshua Tanguay seconded. The meeting was adjourned.