

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Masters Level Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting
June 22, 2022**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

Guests. None

- II. Approval of the Agenda.** Kari Wold moved to approve the agenda. Joshua Tanguay seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes.** Kari Wold moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on April 20, 2022. Joshua Tanguay seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following items:
- A. BSRB Staff Update.** BSRB is still under the Governor's direction to avoid in-person meetings. The Executive Director noted he will update the Advisory Committee when that direction is changed. Until the limitation is lifted, the BSRB will continue to hold most Board and Advisory Committee meetings virtually. The Executive Director provided an update on the BSRB Fee Fund, which has a balance of about \$2.0 million. As part of the yearly performance evaluation process from the Department of Administration, all state employees should have a mid-year check-in to allow supervisors to provide feedback on their performance, allow questions from staff, and consider changes to work responsibilities. The Executive Director noted that the BSRB will provide mid-year check-in meetings for all employees later this month.
- B. Board Meeting on May 9, 2022.** The Board discussed the pre-approval of continuing education (CE) hours and the pre-approval of CE providers. All Advisory Committees were asked to discuss whether their profession would want pre-approved CEs, as currently only the social work profession has pre-approved CE providers and pre-approved CE classes. At the Board meeting, there was a split as some Advisory Committees requested this change while other Advisory Committees did not. Also at

the Board meeting, 15 Advisory Committee members were reappointed to new two-year terms and those terms will start in July, as the state fiscal year begins on July 1. The Board recognized three Advisory Committee members that had served the maximum number of years of service on the Advisory Committees. The Board passed a delegation motion allowing for alternate presiding officer in the event that the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Board are unavailable for a meeting; reviewed draft language for regulations discussed at past meetings; and considered a model from Minnesota to provide a temporary license to students who graduate from schools that are in candidacy for Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) accreditation. The Board received a report from the Executive Director with potential changes to the Board's Investigation Policy and creation of subcommittees were requested by the Professional Counselor Advisory Committee (unprofessional conduct regulation review) and the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (creation of a supervision manual similar to the existing manual for the social work profession.)

- C. Other Meetings and Events.** The Executive Director attended an Educator meeting for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) and the Mid-Year Meeting from the Association of State and the Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). The Executive Director provided a summary of items discussed at these meetings, including an announcement from the American Psychology Association (APA) that the body is working on accreditation standards for Master's Level Psychology programs and hopes to have these standards available for comment in the fall of 2023. The executive director will be attending a conference on August 3 hosted by the National Board of certified counselors in Philadelphia. The Executive Director note he attended a townhall meeting by ASPPB on the EPPP-2. The Executive Director provided an update on the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), including the current number of Licensed Psychologists in Kansas who identify Kansas as their home-state and who are practicing under the compact.
- D. Legislative Updates.** The Executive Director noted the Legislative Coordinating Committee met June 16, 2022, to approve the number of days for interim committees. The Mental Health Modernization and Reform Committee that met in the fall of 2020 and 2021 is not meeting this fall. However, new health committees that were approved to meet include committees to study in-patient psychiatric beds, the intellectual/developmental disability waiver, and medical marijuana. Additionally, a committee has been approved to study compensation to individuals serving on boards and commissions.

V. Old Business

- A. Continued Discussion on Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.** The Executive Director noted that the minutes from the previous Advisory Committee meeting include a list of the unprofessional conduct regulations the Advisory Committee members previously identified for possible changes. Advisory Committee members noted that facilities are required to have a policy to direct someone in crisis, who calls after hours, to an appropriate provider. Certain individuals have included voicemail

and other messages that direct callers to call mental health centers, though those facilities are unfamiliar with those clients and Advisory Committee members discussed whether the BSRB could provide assistance in clarifying the duties and responsibilities of practitioners on this issue. The Advisory Committee requested this item be included in a future list of possible changes to the unprofessional conduct regulations to be forwarded to the Board at the end of the year. Aside from this potential change, the Advisory Committee did not recommend additional changes to the unprofessional conduct regulations.

VI. New Business

- A. Adding New Members to Advisory Committee.** At the previous Advisory Committee meeting, the Advisory Committee was supportive of adding one new member to the Advisory Committee and asked the Executive Director to contact previous applicants to see if those individuals were still interested in serving on the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director noted he contacted the three individuals who applied for consideration previously and those individuals were still interested in serving on the Advisory Committee. He collected updated resumes and cover letters for the applicants and provided those materials to the members of the Advisory Committee for review and consideration. The members of the Advisory Committee discussed the applicants and recommended that Travis Hamrick be added to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director noted he would summarize the recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a letter, which would be reviewed by the Chair of the Advisory Committee, then sent to the Chair of the Board, as the Chair of the Board has authority to add individuals to the Advisory Committee.
- B. Consideration of Changes to “In Residence” Requirements in K.A.R. 102-4-3a.** The Executive Director summarized previously recommended changes to K.A.R. 102-4-3a regarding changes from “core faculty members” to “faculty member,” and associated changes, as well as removal of the term “in residence” in the regulation language associated with two semesters of contiguous study. The Executive Director noted that the Board was supportive of these changes. The Executive Director asked the Advisory Committee to consider whether the “in residence” requirement for the regulation should be removed. The Executive Director noted that other professions regulated by the BSRB, including the social work profession, are having discussions whether “in residence” should remain in the educational requirements for programs. Currently, the regulations require “in residence” for six hours in psychotherapy and six hours of psychological testing. Members of the Advisory Committee discussed whether a physical presence should be required in the regulations and whether the upcoming national accreditation standards by the APA would require education to be required in person. Advisory Committee members also discussed changes in technology and the difference between being face-to-face in the same physical presence compared to being face-to-face using a screen. Some Advisory Committee members spoke to the value of having certain training in person, especially involving

training on assessments or testing involving children. Advisory Committee members discussed whether “in person” training would need to be at the school or whether it would be beneficial to be at another location. Advisory Committee members asked whether there existed research on the difference between psychological testing in person compared to being done virtually. Also, while some professions under the BSRB are considering removing the “in residence” requirement, it was noted that the scope of practice for licenses under the BSRB differs as well and there are certain unique elements for each profession. Joshua Tanguay will gather information on testing requirements from psychology programs at different schools and will provide this information at a future Advisory Committee meeting.

C. 988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline Rollout. The Advisory Committee discussed that it anticipates the national rollout of the 988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline will begin July 16, 2022.

D. Information on Disciplinary Actions Relevant to the Profession. The Executive Director noted that the BSRB regulates the profession by licensing professionals, but also reviews and investigates complaints against practitioners. He provided information on complaints and violations against individuals in the master’s level psychology or clinical psychotherapy professions. The Executive Director noted complaints against practitioners decreased in FY 2021 during the early stages of the pandemic, though complaints have increased back to the pre-pandemic levels in FY 2022. Currently, there are about 100 active complaints being investigated by the BSRB, one of which is against an individual holding a master’s level psychology license and three holding clinical psychotherapy licenses. The Executive Director noted there have been few violations against practitioner in this profession, but there were two violations against master’s level psychologists/clinical psychotherapists. The unprofessional conduct regulations that were violated in these two instances involved dual relationships and failure to maintain confidentiality.

VII. Next Meeting: The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from noon to 2pm.

VIII. Adjournment. Kari Wold moved to adjourn the meeting. Josh seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.