

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Masters Level Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 31, 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, Donna Hoener-Queal, Travis Hamrick, 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.** Donna Hoener-Queal moved to approve the agenda. Lauren Lucht 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 June 22, 2022. Lauren Lucht seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. New Advisory Committee Member.** The Advisory Committee welcomed Travis Hamrick to the Advisory Committee.
- V. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following items:
- A. Agency Update.** The 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 BSRB hired a new part-time licensing specialist named Emma Allen. She started with the agency on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The BSRB is required to submit a revised budget for fiscal year (FY) 2023 and a new budget for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by September 15, 2022. The Executive Director will be speaking to vendors that have active contracts with the BSRB to estimate the future cost of services.
- B. Board Meeting on July 11, 2022.** The Board elected Mary Jones as the new Chair and David Anderson as the Vice-Chair. The Governor appointed Cynthia Schendel (social work) and Richard Nobles (licensed psychology) as new professional Board

members. The Governor appointed Jim Kilmartin as the new public member, beginning on July 12, 2022. At the Board meeting, the Board reviewed and made additional changes to the investigation policy. The Board will be holding an annual all-day planning meeting in Olathe, KS, on Oct 24, 2022. During FY 2022, there were 4 complaints against Licensed Master's Level Psychologists (LMLPs) and 5 complaints against Licensed Clinical Psychotherapists (LCPs) out of around 205 total complaints for that fiscal year. So far, for FY 2023, the BSRB has received 37 total complaints. Of this total, 3 have been against LMLP's and 3 have been against LCPs. The Executive Director noted the distinction between complaints and violations.

**C. Other Meetings and Events.** The Executive Director attended a conference hosted by the National Board for Certified Counselors and presented information on the topic of "Innovations in Licensing... Looking Forward and Back."

## **VI. Old Business**

**A. Continued Discussion of Possible Changes to "In Residence" Requirement in K.A.R. 102-4-3a.** The Executive Director noted that K.A.R. 102-4-3a, educational requirements, requires that certain educational credit hours must be received "in residence," defined as being physically present at a university/school in face-to-face contact with core faculty. The Executive Director noted other Advisory Committees have discussed potential changes to the physical presence requirement and many of the other Advisory Committees have recommended allowing the face-to-face contact with core faculty members to be satisfied either by screen or in the same physical proximity. It was noted the licensed psychology profession is not considering this change, due to trainings on certain testing and differences between the scope of practice for the profession. Advisory Committee members did not recommend a change to the current physical presence requirement for the master's level psychology profession. Joshua Tanguay will gather information on types of testing/assessments that were being covered in psychology programs at different schools and will provide this information at a future Advisory Committee meeting.

## **VII. New Business**

**A. Discussion on Licensed Psychology K.A.R. 102-1-15(g).** The Executive Director discussed K.A.R. 102-1-15(g), which is a regulation for the licensed psychology profession on continuing education requirements, that allows licensed psychologists to be able to request an extension of time to complete their continuing education hours, if they can show good cause for needing additional time. This extension is limited to six months. Licensees would still need to renew their licenses prior to the expiration dates but could be granted additional time to complete any remaining continuing education hours. The other Advisory Committees are discussing whether to add this regulation for their professions. The Executive Director noted that some Advisory Committee have questioned whether six months is too long or whether a

smaller time frame might be sufficient. Other possible changes included changing the standard of showing “good cause” to extenuation circumstances, which is a term that is more frequently used by the Board. The Advisory Committee expressed support for adding a similar regulation with a shorter period of time. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended adding the language with a shorter period of time. The Executive Director will forward the recommendation to the Board for the Board to determine the specific language to be added for professions.

**B. Discussion on Administration of Psychological Evaluations by Psychometricians.**

Josh Tanguay discussed long wait times for psychological evaluations and whether could be addressed through the use of Psychometricians. The Executive Director noted the statutes and regulations for the BSRB professions do not include a definition for psychometricians. Members of the Advisory Committee discussed services currently provided by psychometricians, which included having students serving as psychometricians administer certain testing and having a licensed professional sign off on certain reports. Members discussed whether language was needed under the BSRB concerning the authority of psychometricians and requested to continue discussing authority of psychometricians at a future meeting.

**VII. Possible Additional Agenda Items.** None.

**VIII. Next Meeting:** The Executive Director will poll members to determine the date of the next Advisory Committee meeting.

**IX. Adjournment.** Kari Wold moved to adjourn the meeting. Lauren Lucht seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.