

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2022**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Laura Shaughnessy, Chair of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting and called roll.

Advisory Committee Members: Advisory Committee members who participated by Zoom were Laura Shaughnessy, Jim Kilmartin, Harriet Bachner, Michelle Fairbank, Bob Kircher, Andrew Secor, and Edil Torres-Rivera.

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

Guests Present: Lynn Linde from the American Counseling Association; Dan Logsdon and Carl Sims from the Council on State Governments.

- II. Public Comment. Presentation on the Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact by Lynn Linde, Executive Director of the Center for Counseling Practice, Policy, and Research for the American Counseling Association; and Dan Logsdon, Director of the National Center for Interstate Compacts.** Presenters provided background and an overview of a multi-state compact for the clinical-level of the professional counseling profession. The compact was passed by Georgia and Maryland in 2021 and adopted by several more states during the 2022 legislative session. Following the presentation, presenters answered questions from Advisory Committee members. More information on the compact can be found at counselingcompact.org.
- III. Agenda Approval.** Edil Torres-Rivera moved to approve the agenda. Andrew Secor seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Minutes Approval:** Bob Kircher moved to approve the minutes with technical corrections. Michelle Fairbank seconded. The motion passed.
- V. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following topics:
- A. Advisory Committee Membership Update.** Jessica Allison emailed and updated the Executive Director that unfortunately is needing to resign from the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committees thanks her for service to the Advisory Committee.
- B. BSRB Updates.** 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. There is a new part time licensing specialist. The BSRB will

be focusing on the next Budget cycle. The budget is due on September 15. The Executive Director will be checking on contracts we have with other agencies.

- C. Board Meeting on July 11.** The Board elected new Chair Mary Jones and new Vice-Chair David Anderson. The Governor appointed new Board members Cynthia Schendel for social work and Richard Nobles for Licensed Psychology. The Governor appointed Jim Kilmartin to serve as a public member of the Board beginning July 12, 2022. The Board will hold an offsite planning meeting that will take place at the end of October.
- D. Other Meetings and Events.** The Executive Director will be attending an upcoming conference for the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) and will be a presenter at the conference on the topic of innovations in licensing.

VI. Old Business

- A. Continued Discussion on Possible Pre-Approved Continuing Education Providers and Programs.** The Executive Director sent the language for continuing education pre-approved providers. There is a question of who would create the list of providers and when. The list can be requested through a mailing list and an application will be made for providers that want to apply. There is a recommendation that there be a note that if there is ever an issue with a program to call the Board. Edil Torres-Rivera motioned to bring recommendations to the Board, Michelle Fairbanks seconded. The motion passed.
- B. Continued Discussion on Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) 2024 Standards – Draft 3.** The Executive Director provided Draft 3 of the CACREP accreditation proposed changes for Advisory Committee member review. The Executive Director will continue to keep the Advisory Committee up to date in the event Draft 4 is released for comment.
- C. Continued Discussion on Education Requirements for Licensure.** Advisory Committee members reviewed educational requirements for licensure in K.A.R 102-3-3a, specifically as they relate to requirements for chair or directors of programs, ratio of core faculty to non-core faculty, and the in-residence requirement for certain education. Advisory Committee members reviewed and discussed degree requirements for the chair or director of programs and did not recommend changes to those requirements. The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the requirement of a ratio of education received by core faculty and did not recommend changes to that requirement. The Advisory Committee discussed the physical presence requirement that is included in the definition of “in residence” and how this requirement creates difficulty for applicants from online schools. The Advisory Committee was supportive of a recommendation to remove the physical presence requirement from the “in residence” definition, but requested to review draft language of the proposed change before making a recommendation.

VI. New Business

- A. New Advisory Committee Member Recommendations.** Due to time constraints, review of candidates and possible recommendations on new members of the Advisory Committee will take place at the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- B. Update for Subcommittee on Unprofessional Conduct Regulation Review.** The Advisory Committee's Subcommittee on Unprofessional Conduct Regulation Review met in July and the Subcommittee was able to review the first half of the unprofessional conduct regulations for the profession. The Subcommittee will meet again in September.
- C. Licensed Psychology Regulation K.A.R 102-1-15(g).** At the July Board meeting, the Executive Director referenced a continuing education regulation for the Licensed Psychology profession, which allows Licensed Psychologists to submit a request to the BSRB for additional time to complete their continuing education hours for their license period. If approved, the licensee would renew their license, even though they had fewer hours than required, but the licensee is provided additional time during the next license period to complete the past continuing education. Advisory Committee members were supportive of the change, though they questioned whether the 6-month time period in regulation was too lengthy. Language specific to the Professional Counseling profession will be reviewed at a future meeting.

VII. Next Meeting. October 3, 2022.

VIII. Adjournment. Michelle Fairbank moved to Adjourn. Kenton Olliff seconded. The motion passed.