

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 17, 2023**

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, Melissa Briggs, Michael Countryman, Michelle Fairbank, Acha Goris, Bob Kircher, Vanessa Perez, Andrew Secor, and Edil Torres-Rivera. Harriet Bachner was absent.

BSRB Staff: David Fye was present by Zoom.

Guests: None.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Michael Countryman moved to approve the agenda. Acha Goris seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on February 6, 2023.** Vanessa Perez moved to approve the minutes from February 6, 2023. Michelle Fairbank seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency updates, updates from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Updates from AASCB Annual Conference.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee discussed updates from the annual conference for the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) she attended on behalf of the Board in February 2023.
- VI. New Business**
- A. Discussion on Reciprocity Requirements.** The Executive Director discussed the current statutory requirements for reciprocity for the professional counseling profession. Members of the Advisory Committee viewed a map of which states require passage of the National Counseling Examination (NCE), the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), both examinations, or an option of either examination to be licensed. It was noted that some of the differences between states may be due to some states lacking a permanent license below the clinical level. The Advisory Committee expressed its intention to

continue to review this topic, including a review of the different types of permanent licenses available in professional counseling in different states.

B. Discussion on Changes to Clinical Training Plans in K.A.R. 102-3-7a(h). The Executive Director noted that the regulations require all changes to an approved clinical training plan to be submitted within 45 days of the changes, otherwise the individual would lose hours accrued after making the change, until a training plan amendment was submitted to the Board. The Board is seeking to identify specific language to add to the regulation concerning what would constitute the type of change that would need to be reported. Also, Advisory Committee members were asked to consider alternatives to the current 45-day reporting requirement. Advisory Committee members were asked to think about possible modifications to the regulation and to be ready to discuss possible changes at a future Advisory Committee meeting.

C. Regulation Review. The Executive Director noted that each Advisory Committee is being asked to review regulations for their profession to ensure that the language is up-to-date and not needing changes. Advisory Committee members were asked to review and consider any possible edits to (1) *K.A.R. 102-3-10a Continuing Education for Licensees* and (2) *K.A.R. 102-3-11a Documentation for Continuing Education*, and to be ready to discuss possible changes to the regulations at a future Advisory Committee meeting.

VII. Next Meeting. Monday, June 5, 2023, at 10 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment. Michael Countryman moved to adjourn. Jim Kilmartin seconded. The motion passed.