

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 5, 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, Harriet Bachner, Melissa Briggs, Acha Goris, Bob Kircher, Vanessa Perez, Andrew Secor, and Edil Torres-Rivera. Michael Countryman and Michelle Fairbank were absent.

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

Guests: None.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the agenda. Vanessa Perez seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on April 17, 2023.** Harriet Bachner moved to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023. Jim Kilmartin 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. Discussion on Changes to Clinical Training Plans in K.A.R. 102-3-7a(h).** The Advisory Committee discussed the 45-day requirement for making changes to a clinical supervision training plan and what should constitute as a change. The members of the Advisory Committee supported changing the wording from "shall not count" to "may not count," if the change is not reported withing 45-days. Members of the Advisory Committee noted their intentions to continue to review the regulation to discuss at a future meeting a possible list of items that would constitute an official "change."
- B. Regulation Review**
- i. K.A.R. 102-3-10a Continuing Education for Licensees.** The Executive Director noted the regulation on continuing education was last updated in 2003 and would like the members of the Advisory Committee to review the language in the regulation to discuss whether anything should be updated or changed. The Advisory Committee expressed support for adding language under item 8, to note hour for hour, up to 10 hours, for

counting hours in that category. The Advisory Committee recommended adding language to note that PDF and electronic documentation will be accepted. The Advisory Committee will research and discuss this regulation further at a future meeting.

- ii. **K.A.R. 102-3-11a Documentation for Continuing Education.** The Executive Director noted this regulation was last updated in 1997 and would like the Advisory Committee to decide if anything should be updated or changed in the regulation. The Advisory Committee will research and discuss this regulation further at a future meeting.

C. Continued Discussion of Clinical License Examination. The Executive Director highlighted a document from the American Counseling Association (ACA), which showed which states required which level of test for permanent licenses. It was noted that not all states have more than one level of permanent license. The document showed that requirements varied by state. Some states require passage of the National Counselor Examination (NCE), other states require both passage of the NCE or the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), while other states require passage of the NCE for a lower-level license and passage of the NCMHCE at a clinical level. The Advisory Committee discussed whether Kansas should continue to require passage of the NCMHCE for clinical licensure, noting that some other states do not require this examination and may be able to avoid the test by receiving licensure through reciprocity. The Advisory Committee planned to discuss this topic further at a future meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion on Unprofessional Conduct Regulations from Other Professions.

The Advisory Committee was provided a packet of proposed changes to the unprofessional conduct regulations for the other professions, based on discussion by the other Advisory Committee. These proposed changes will be considered for possible additional proposed changes to the professional counseling unprofessional conduct regulations at a future meeting.

VII. Next Meeting. Monday, August 7, 2023, at 10 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment. Vanessa Perez moved to adjourn. Andrew Secor seconded. The motion passed.