

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
LPC Advisory Committee Minutes
February 2, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Frye at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Todd Frye, Carla Hattan, Dennis Pelsma, and Gary Price, Elaine Ptacek

Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Marilyn Revell

Guests: none

Approval of Minutes: Dennis moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Elaine seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Staff Reports: Max gave the committee an overview of recent activities of the Board and staff

- BSRB Budget recommendations is ok
- 1st Budget hearing is this week in the House and next week in the Senate
- The Governor has proposed a 20% sweep off the top of our fees as compared to the 10% we now pay. This may affect our reduction in licensing fees that the Board had recommended.
- Autism legislation – HB 2744 – The law passed last spring. BSRB is neutral in this issue, all the Board is concerned with is the licensing aspect. As of July 1, 2016 BSRB will be licensing Applied Behavior Analysts and Assistant Behavior Analysts. There will be no seat on the Board for a Behavior Analyst, but an advisory committee will be formed. BSRB will only consider the licensing aspects of this law, NOT the reimbursement aspect.
- Max reported on the Statute Changes – The Revisor’s office has them now. We are removing the language concerning “DSM”, making the language consistent across all professions for reciprocity “licensed 60 out of the last 66 months” in another state, moving all professions under the KAPA proceedings
- Leslie stated that the Board is asking to add “LMAC”– a masters level of addiction counseling to allow for diagnosis and treatment while under supervision.
- Todd added that the changes in Statute would also contain continuing education requirements.
- Max said that the legislation is being introduced in a non-exempt committee, Senate Public Health and Welfare, by Senator O’Connell from Wichita.
- Todd pointed out that only 3 professions were moving forward with supervision training requirements: Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists (and MFTs wanted to waive the new requirement if the supervisor had been supervising for more than 5 years.) Gary pointed out that waiving that requirement for Professional Counselors with 5 years supervisory experience would be a good idea. Todd pointed out that the education regulation (102-3-3a) went into effect December 6, 2014 (CACREP accreditation or meet all the educational requirements).

Other Business:

a. Old business:

1. Todd asked the committee if he could send out an audit to Kansas Universities? Yes, the committee agreed this was a good idea. Leslie and Todd will get letters out to major Kansas university programs to audit their programs.
2. Work is still proceeding on professional misconduct regulations: section H – technologies, section E – evaluation assessment, section A & B and some of section C & D. Dennis brought up the 56 guiding principles of ACA Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics. The ACA code is VERY comprehensible. Sexual harassment and bullying are NOT identified in our current misconduct regulations. Gary said that it would be helpful if our unprofessional conduct was organized like the ACA sections, let's pick out some key areas to focus on. Maybe we could restructure our regulations to reflect the ACA regulations on sexual misconduct and dual relationships. Leslie will check on this possibility with the Revisor's office. The committee asked about the possibility of counseling students working on this as a student project and then bring it back to the committee. Elaine said that KCA is coming up and to offer it up to some graduate students as an independent credit. Dennis suggested a group of professionals could do it as a project for CEUs. Todd stated that every 7 years the ACA code of ethics changes. Dennis asked what kind of complaints does BSRB get on Professional Counselors? Todd said we could ask staff member Cindy D'Ercole that question since she handles complaints. Todd said that he had re-organized most of these to present at KCA to get students to volunteer or do a self-study. Their college programs will be examined for ethics and they have to follow the Kansas unprofessional conduct statutes and regulations.

b. New business

1. Honor Jim Rodman for his years of service to BSRB and his profession. A certificate or plaque will be arranged by Leslie for Jim.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 6th at 10:00 a.m. at the BSRB office

Elaine moved to adjourn the meeting. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion carried
Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.