

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Social Work Advisory Committee
Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Minutes**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by co-chair Andrea Perdomo-Morales at 1:00 p.m.

Social Work Advisory Committee Members. Those who participated by zoom were Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Carolyn Szafran, Mike Gillett, Jane Holzrichter, Cristin Stice and Robin Unruh. Those who participated by telephone were Angi Heller-Workman.

BSRB Staff. Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Sami Barksdale, Joan Hahn and Ashley VanBuskirk were present.

Andrea Perdomo-Morales motioned to amend the agenda to move new business first followed by old business. Carolyn Szafran seconded. The motion carried.

Guests. Guests who were present by zoom were Shana Parker, Jennifer Dawdy, Kaleena Erwin, Kelly Jones, Laurie Hart, Wendy Schrag. Guests present by phone were Becky Fast.

Guest Comments. Kelly Jones wanted feedback on clinical requirements to direct client contact. Wendy Schrag wanted to address telephone contact to be seen as “in-person” in lieu of the COVID pandemic.

Review and Approval of February Minutes. Carolyn Szafran motioned to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting as published. Cristin Stice seconded. The motion carried.

BSRB Executive Director Report by Max Foster.

- Max gave a brief update on the impact of the pandemic regarding licensees and office operations. We are in the final stages of testing the new licensure database.
- Gave a quick report on budget and year end reports.
- Informed the committee about licensees expiring March – August will be extended until September 28, 2020.

New Business.

- 1) Discussed COVID-19, Spring 2020 and Practicum hour concerns as many students were unable to complete the 350 direct client hour experiences needed for clinical licensure.
 - a. Kaleena Erwin emailed her practicum story/concern to the committee. Recommended that modifications could be made to her graduating class. Complete “in good faith” application to have on file in BSRB office.
 - b. Cynthia S. emailed concerns and recommends students who lost practicums due to pandemic should have person contact hours waived.
 - c. Kelly Jones suggested the board should redo 350 direct client hour requirement and believes Kansas is one of the only states that require this.
 - d. CSWE has recognized the severe impact that Coronavirus has caused on nations graduate social work program and has temporarily amended the field hour requirements to 85% (CSWE regular standards requires a minimum BSW 400 / MSW 900)

- 2) Noted that Kansas is only one of 5 states that require specific educational requirements. The majority of states simply require a degree from a CSWE accredited program.
 - a. Carolyn Szafram thinks things should be looked at and revised to amend the requirements.
 - b. Long term we should look into changing the statutes, but for the time being possibly consider modifying the regulations.

Jane Holzrichter motioned to amend K.A.R. 102-2-12 to say: if the applicant did not accrue 350 hours of direct client contact as part of their practicum, additional direct client contact hours will be added to their supervised clinical experience to make up the difference between the direct client contact hours accrued and 350. Cristin Stice seconded. The motion passed.

- 3) Topics to consider.
 - a. Committee discussed if BSRB should require at least 3 continuing education units (CEUs) regarding cultural awareness per renewal period. The committee tabled the discussion and will resume at a different time.

Old Business.

- 1) **Follow-up LSCSW Supervisor Training Manual Update.** Leslie Allen went through with the board attorney and took out anything that is not board specific. Will allow committee to review and take to board for approval to put up on the board website.
- 2) **Discussed Clinical Training Plan form:**
 - a. The committee considers counting pre-planning hours toward the training plan hours. May consider adding that a maximum of 3 hours can be spent on pre-planning for training plans. Would like to make it uniform with all professions that the board regulates. Cristin Stice motioned to consider pre-planning hours for the training plan. Carolyn Szafran seconded. The motion passed. Carolyn and Andrea will take this to the full board at the next board meeting.
 - b. Members reviewed the training plan form to see how questions should be written.
 - i. Eliminate question 8 on page 4 as it appears to be redundant to question 1 on page 3.
 - ii. Other changes – none.
- 3) **Social Media Language.**
 - a. Cristin Stice gave brief review from the sub-committee that met February 12, 2020. Will possibly schedule another meeting to further discuss information.
- 4) **Simplifying of Social Work Application Through Reciprocity.**
 - a. Leslie will continue to work on the reciprocity application form and bring completed form to next committee meeting for review.
- 5) **Inactive/Volunteer License Statues draft language.**
 - a. Committee will need to review the draft language and bring it to the next committee meeting.

Adjournment. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 to begin at 1:00 p.m. Jane Holzrichter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cristin Stice seconded. The motion carried.