

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 19, 2023**

APPROVED MINUTES

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel at 9:00am
- A. Social Work Advisory Committee Members.** Advisory Committee members present by Zoom included: Cynthia Schendel, Angi Heller-Workman, Jane Holzrichter, Eric Schoenecker, Mary Gill, Sarah Berens, Cristin Stice, Lee-Ann Gingery and Robin Unruh. Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Donna Hoener-Queal, Catherine Rech, and Mike Gillet were absent.
- BSRB Staff.** Staff members present by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- Guests.** None
- II. Agenda Approval.** Lee Ann Gingery moved to approve the agenda as written. Angi Heller-Workman seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Minutes Approval.** Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on April 23, 2023. Lee-Ann Gingery seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency updates, activities at past BSRB Board meetings, and many legislative updates.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Possible Regulation for Care of Clients in Crisis.** Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel recommended language be added to the unprofessional conduct regulations for failure to have a plan for appropriate care of a client in crisis. Without specification to what the appropriate level would be, this language puts emphasis on practitioners to determine what the appropriate level of care should be for clients in crisis. Advisory Committee members discussed different options for care, such as referring clients to emergency rooms, Community Mental Health Centers, Crisis Centers, or referral to the 988 hotlines, versus answering the crisis call as practitioners. Advisory Committee members discussed whether clients being able to contact practitioners directly when they are in crisis is a standard of care or whether it was appropriate to have a general policy to refer clients elsewhere for treatment. Advisory Committee members discussed care for minors and whether a policy would need to include informing a parent so that a parent could reach out to a treatment center if the minor child is not with their parents during a crisis. It was the consensus of the Advisory Committee that practitioners should develop a clearly stated policy so that their clients are informed at the beginning of service, in accordance with existing laws regarding privacy.
- B. Continued Discussion on Changes to Clinical Training Plans in K.A.R. 102-2-8.** The Executive noted K.A.R. 102-2-8 includes language that all changes to approved training plans must be submitted within 45 days of making the change, otherwise all hours after the change shall be denied. The Board has asked Advisory Committees to review the

language to consider alternate method of achieving the original goal of the regulation. In certain past situations, due to lack of notification, the Board has denied hours accrued. Advisory Committee discussed revising the language to replace “all changes” with “all substantial changes” to the clinical supervision training plan. Also, to add “including but not limited to” language followed by a list a few specific situations the Board wished to highlight, such as location (if with a different agency), changes in supervisor, or work responsibilities/types of clients. The Advisory Committee discussed adjusting the 45-day policy that a person loses all the hours they accrue, to add language that if a change is not provided to the Board, those supervised hours **may** not be counted if they are inconsistent with training that would have been approved. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the proposed changes.

C. Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to Regulations

K.A.R. 102-2-4a Continuing Education. The Advisory Committee discussed whether podcasts should specifically be listed as self-study. The Advisory Committee recommended language be updated to replace outdated references, such as replacing “video tapes” with “video recordings,” etc. The Assistant Director noted very few licensees attempt to count self-directed learning projects for continuing education hours and the Advisory Committee recommended that item from the regulation. Concerning items that would not count for continuing education hours, the Advisory Committee recommended modifying the language in (f)(4) to replace “Social Work” with “Job Related.”

- i. **K.A.R. 102-2-5 Documentation for Continuing Education.** The Advisory Committee recommended changes to update language, such as by replacing video and audio tapes with video and audio recordings, etc. If audited, the licensee will need to state the activity date for when video/audio recordings were utilized for continuing education purposes, as there is no supporting information, documents, or regulations to state what should be included.

- VI. New Business - Discussion on Unprofessional Conduct Regulations – Social Work and Other Professions.** The Advisory Committee discussed the unprofessional conduct regulation on clients having sexual relationships with former clients and the length of time between ending a relationship with a client and that relationship. The Advisory Committee recommended adding specific language to make very clear the responsibilities that lie upon the social worker, that the former client is not being exploited or harmed. Regulation states must be 24-months after relationship has ended, to begin romantic relationship with practitioner. Consensus to keep language the same with no additional changes.

VII. Committee Discussion on Items for 2023

A. Workforce Issues

- i. **Roundtable Meeting with Contacts from Academia.** It was noted that the BSRB is considering organizing a meeting with representatives from different programs.
- ii. **Roundtable Meeting with Employing Agencies.** It was noted that the BSRB is considering organizing a meeting with representatives from different companies and other mental health employers.

- iii. **Continued Review and Discussion on ASWB Exam Release Data.**
Consensus to have representatives from the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) attend a future meeting to provide an update.
- iv. **Continued Consideration of Associate Social Work License.** This item will be considered at a future meeting.
- v. **Consideration of Possible New Student Temporary License Model Similar to Student Temporary Addiction Counselor License.** This item will be considered at a future meeting.

B. Possible Language in Regulations on Coursework Requirements for Applicants from Non-CSWE Accredited Programs. Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed at a future meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be at 1pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, over Zoom.

IX. Adjournment. LeeAnn Gingery moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric Schoenecker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.