

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Board Minutes
May 19, 2020

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 9:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call.

Board Members. Members present by zoom: David Anderson, Jill Craven, Kathryn Herzog, Mary Jones, Johnna Norton, Bruce Nystrom, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Leslie Sewester, Ric Steele, Deb Stidham and Carolyn Szafran.

II. BSRB Staff. Staff present in person: Max Foster, Leslie Allen and Ashley VanBuskirk. Staff present by phone: Janet Arndt and Jane Weiler.

III. Executive Director's Report.

- a. Discussed impact of office operations. Our building remains closed and we are taking steps to meet the needs of the general public and licensees.
- b. Extended expiring licenses starting in March and continues 90 past the end of pandemic.
- c. Majority of staff is working from home. Phones and emails are being answered daily and being returned as soon as possible. Staff is accessing work station remotely from home.
- d. Next Complaint Review Committee (CRC) meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 10:00 a.m.
- e. We are hopeful to launch our new database soon.
- f. Current fiscal year expenses are in line and in good shape for FY 20.
- g. Three current Board Members second term expires at the end of June 2020, Kathy Herzog, Jill Craven and Todd Frye. The Governor's office is in the process of appointing new members, however they will remain on the Board until they are replaced by the Governor's office of appointments.
- h. Next Board meeting is scheduled for July 13th unless another is needed sooner. Rock Springs is closed until 2021 so the out of town meeting cannot be held there this year. Will need to come up with a different location.

IV. Staff Reports. None.

V. COVID-19 Licensing Issues.

- A. Issue Licenses Based on List of Graduates provided by the Universities – Transcripts to follow when available. All professions except Behavior Analysts must have transcript before we can proceed with licensing. Table this issue until July meeting if it becomes an issue.
- B. Practicum Requirements for LSCSW, LCPC, LCP and LCMFT. Request was made to wave 350 hours. Would require statute change but could be handled differently in regulation. Board would have to look over this issue. Carolyn thinks the standards for licensing need to be reviewed and revisited for changes.

C. Practicum Requirements for Addiction Counseling. Statutes do not have specific number of hours defined only in regulations. For LAC they cannot have a license if they do not have 400 hours in their practicum. For LMAC they have to have at least 300 hours Direct Client Contact just to get a license. Get an order possibly to have them issue license and make up hours later.

D. Telephone Services Being Allowed in Direct Client Contact. Most in favor of phone services being provided during pandemic due to internet access for many people. All say face-to-face at the moment.

VI. Executive Session.

Leslie Sewester moves that, the Board recess into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 75-4319(b)(2), for 17 minutes. The subject to be discussed in the executive session concerns the Board's authority to change, amend, or waive licensing requirements. The justification is consultation with the Board's legal counsel, Assistant Attorney General Janet Arndt, that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. In addition, I move that the Board's executive director, Max Foster, and the Board's licensing specialist, Leslie Allen, be included as part of the client circle.

The Board will reconvene the open meeting at 10:30 a.m. by telephone conference call number 877-278-8686 with pin#: 327072, and the Zoom platform with meeting ID: 895 4953 1335. This information can also be found on the Board's website: ksbsrb.ks.gov

Ric Steele seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Max Foster Reconvenes Open Meeting. The board will take relevant topics to committees for review. The committees can review if there should be action the Board should consider.

VIII. Adjourn. Carolyn Szafran moved that the meeting adjourn. Kathy Herzog seconded. The motion carried.