

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Professional Counselor Advisory Committee
June 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present: Advisory Committee members who participated by Zoom were Laura Shaughnessy, Bob Kircher, Gary Price, Ken Hughey, Andrew Secor, and Leslie Sewester.

BSRB Staff Present: David Fye, Leslie Allen, and Ashley VanBuskirk.

Guests Present: Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC.

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Agenda Approval.** No changes were made to the agenda.
3. **Minutes Approval.** Gary Price motioned to approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting from May 3, 2021. Ken Hughey seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.
4. **Information on Proposed Professional Counselor Multi-State Compact.** Kylie Dotson-Blake, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) provided information about the Professional Counselor Multi-State Compact. Advisory Committee members asked questions regarding multiple aspects of the Compact. Laura Shaughnessy, Chair of the Advisory Committee, and David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB), noted they will reach out to different organizations which helped draft the Compact to obtain additional information which will be brought back to the Advisory Committee at a future meeting.
5. **Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following topics:
 - a. **HB 2208 Implementation.** Over the last month, the BSRB has been working on the rollout of HB 2208, the bill originally requested by the Board including statutory changes for licensees. The bill was effective upon publication in the Kansas Register, which occurred on May 6, 2021. Staff received additional direction from the Board on May 10, 2021, and provided information to licensees after that point, both by posting information to the Board's website and by sending a message to licensees.
 - b. **HB 2066.** The BSRB is working on implementing HB 2066, a bill which expedites the processing times for certain licenses for military servicemembers, military spouses, and other select individuals. The bill will not be in effect until publication in statute book, which is anticipated to occur in July.
 - c. **Enforcing Expiration of Licenses.** The Governor and Legislature extended the State of Emergency through May 28, 2021, and the Governor issued an Executive Order extending the delay on enforcement of expiration of professional licenses through May 28 or until the disaster is declared ended, whichever is earlier. Since then, the Governor issued another Executive Order providing more flexibility for regulatory agencies to begin enforcing expiration of licenses. The Board met on May 10, 2021, and directed staff to begin enforcing expiration of licenses after May 28, 2021. On May 11, 2021, a message was posted to the

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BSRB website and a message was sent out to all licensees with a license that had expired during the pandemic, encouraging those individuals to take action prior to May 28, 2021.

- d. **State Agency Staff Returning to State Offices June 14, 2021.** Staff will be returning to the office full-time starting Monday, June 14, 2021. Any agency wishing to allow telework must use a plan approved by the Department of Administration. The BSRB submitted a telework plan which is aligned with the Department of Administration's telework plan. The BSRB will use a telework pilot plan on a limited basis, but will consider expanding the plan to more employees as data is collected.

6. Old Business

- a. **Retention or Disposal of Practitioner Records in Case of Death of a Provider.** It was noted that the Board discussed this topic at the Board meeting on May 10 and planned to discuss the topic further at the Board's off-site meeting in September.
- b. **Consideration of CE Requirements for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.** It was noted the Board intends to discuss this topic further at the Board's off-site meeting in September.

7. New Business

- a. **Consideration of Regulatory Language Defining "Other Field".** Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, discussed potential adjustments to be made to K.A.R. 102-3-1a. Members of the Advisory Committee discussed possible changes. Bob Kircher moved to recommend to the full Board that human development and social work be removed from K.A.R. 102-3-1a. Andrew Secor seconded. The motion carried.

8. **Adjournment.** The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Gary Price moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kircher seconded. The motion carried.