

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Masters Level Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting
April 12, 2023**

DRAFT Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 1:00 p.m.

Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Members. Advisory Committee Members who participated by Zoom or phone were David Anderson, Joshua Tanguay, Iris Pauly, Rebecca Jabara, Kari Wold, and Lauren Lucht. Travis Hamrick and Donna Hoener-Queal were absent.

BSRB Staff. BSRB staff members who participated by Zoom included David Fye.

Guests. None

- II. Approval of the Agenda.** The Advisory Committee approved the agenda.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes.** Kari Wold moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on January 5, 2023. Iris Pauly seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided updates on agency operations, updates from BSRB Board meetings, and Legislative updates.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Psychometricians.** Advisory Committee members discussed possible benefits and potential drawbacks of creating a license for psychometricians. The Advisory Committee did not recommend any changes to statutes or regulations on this topic.
- VI. New Business**
- A. Discussion of Recognizing APA Accreditation from LP Programs as Satisfying Accreditation Standard for Master's Level Psychology Applicants.** The Executive Director noted that five of the seven professions regulated by the BSRB recognize a national accrediting body, so if an applicant for licensure received their education from a program accredited by that national accrediting body, the BSRB would be able to accept that education as meeting the standard for licensure, which is helpful for the agency to license those applicants quickly.

Currently, there is no national accrediting body for the master's level psychology profession, though it was noted that the APA was developing guidelines and standards for accreditation of master's level programs. However, as only 17 states license master's level psychologists, the BSRB is interested in considering whether master's-level applicants who received their education from a Ph.D program accredited by APA should be a sufficient educational standard, rather than the current practice of the BSRB sending questionnaires to programs to evaluate those program and coursework based on substantially equivalent standards in the regulations. Advisory Committee members expressed general support for accepting Ph.D programs accredited by the APA for this purpose, though some Advisory Committee members questioned whether those applicants had the necessary internship experience. The Executive Director noted he would speak with Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, to bring back information to the next Advisory Committee meeting regarding practicum experience and whether all programs require such experience.

B. Discussion on Adding New Members to Advisory Committee. The Executive Director noted the Advisory Committee Policy states, there should be a minimum of three non-Board members and a maximum of 10 non-Board members on the Advisory Committees. Currently, there are six non-Board members on the Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee. Advisory Committee members expressed support for adding a new member to the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee asked the Executive Director to send a message to all licensees regarding the opening on the Advisory Committee and to provide materials from interested applicants to the Advisory Committee members for consideration at the next meeting.

C. Discussion on Changes to Clinical Training Plans in K.A.R. 102-4-7a. The Executive Director noted the Board recently discussed the regulation which directs changes to approved clinical training plans to be submitted to the Board. It was noted the Board asked Advisory Committees to discuss adding language on specific items that would constitute changes needing to be reported, as opposed to the current language stating "all changes." Also, it was noted the Board was seeking recommendations from Advisory Committees on the current regulatory language that changes must be submitted to the Board within 45 days of the change and that failure to submit the change within that timeframe would meet hours accrued after that time period would not be counted. Advisory Committee members discussed recommending adding language to state "Any changes that can significantly alter your practicum experience" or adding language that a change in ratio of client contact hours should be reported. Advisory Committee members agreed that, if having multiple worksites for one agency, it should not have to be reported unless there is a change in supervisors. Advisory Committee members questioned whether supervisees should have to lose all accrued hours for failing to report a change if the change would have been approved by the

BSRB. The Advisory Committee was supportive of the BSRB sending supervisees automated emails every six months, reminding them of this regulation and the 45-day requirement for submitting changes.

D. Discussion on Regulations. The Executive Director noted the BSRB is responsible for continuous review of its' regulations, to ensure that information is current and applicable to licensees. For the next meeting, Advisory Committee members were asked to review the current continuing education regulations (K.A.R. 102-4-10a Continuing Education and K.A.R. 102-4-11a Documentation for Continuing Education) and to be ready to recommend any helpful changes to the regulations. Additionally, a regulation on the use of computerized psychological tests (K.A.R. 102-4-13) was highlighted as needing review, so Advisory Committee members were asked to review that regulation and to be ready to discuss potential changes at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

E. Discussion on Topics for 2023. Advisory Committee members asked if there were any reports showing disparities in passage rates by takers of the EPPP or EPPP-2. The Executive Director noted he would research this topic and bring back any information for review at the next meeting.

VII. Possible Additional Agenda Items. None.

VIII. Next Meeting: Date to be Determined, June 2023. A poll will be sent out to determine the next Advisory Committee meeting date in June 2023.

IX. Adjournment. Lauren Lucht moved to adjourn the meeting. Joshua Tanguay seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.