

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Marriage and Family Advisory Committee Meeting
August 12, 2022
Draft Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Mary Jones, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.
- Committee Members:** Advisory Committee members present by Zoom were Mary Jones, Jurdene Coleman, Nicole Eitzen, James Godbey, Chris Habben, and Marcie Lechtenberg.
- Staff:** BSRB staff present by Zoom were David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** James Godbey moved to approve the agenda. Jurdene Coleman seconded. The motion carried.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** James Godbey moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on June 24, 2022. Jurdene Coleman seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed new members Chris Habben, Marcie Lechtenberg, and Nicole Eitzen.
- V. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following items:
- A. BSRB Staff Update.** The BSRB is still under the Governor's direction to avoid in-person meetings. The Executive Director noted he will update the Advisory Committee when that direction is changed. There is a new part-time licensing specialist. The BSRB will be focusing on the next budget cycle. The budget is due on September 15. The Executive Director will be reviewing and renewing contracts the BSRB has with other agencies.
- B. Board Meeting on Board Meeting on July 11.** The Board elected a new Chair Mary Jones and Vice-Chair David Anderson. The Governor appointed new Board members Cynthia Schendel for social work and Richard Nobles for Licensed Psychology. The Governor appointed Jim Kilmartin to serve as a public member beginning July 12, 2022. The Board will hold an all-day offsite planning meeting, which will take place at the end of October.
- C. Other Meetings and Events.** The Executive Director attended will be attending an annual conference for professional counselors that is hosted by the National Board for Certified Counselors and will be presenting information on innovations in licensure.
- VI. Training for New Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided training to Board members and Advisory Committee members, including an overview of

the Expectations of Board Members Policy, the Advisory Committee Policy, Guidelines for Public Attendees of Meetings, and a summary of Board Member and Advisory Committee Orientation prepared by Assistant Attorney General Janet Arndt.

VII. Old Business

A. Continued Discussion of Unprofessional Conduct Regulations. Advisory Committee members reviewed items discussed at the June Advisory Committee meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Subcommittee for Clinical Supervision Manual. Jurdene Coleman, Nicole Eitzen, and Marcie Lechtenberg volunteered to serve as members of the Subcommittee. The Advisory Committee noted the existing supervision manual for the social work profession and expressed a desire to use that document to guide the work of the Subcommittee. The Executive Director will poll members of the Subcommittee to select a date for their meeting.

B. Discussion of “In Residence” Requirement in K.A.R. 102-5-3. The Advisory Committee reviewed the education requirements for licensure, noting that for applicants who received their education from programs not accredited by the national accrediting body, some education was required to be performed “in residence,” which includes a requirement of being physically present at the institution in face-to-face contact with core faculty. The Executive Director noted the requirement of being physical present appears to be a unique requirement in Kansas, compared to other states, for most of the professions under the BSRB. The Advisory Committee recommended removing the physical presence requirement from the definition “in residence,” while ensuring that there was clarifying language that the face-to-face component could be met in person or by screen.

C. Discussion on Licensed Psychology K.A. R. 102-1-15(g). The Executive Director noted the licensed psychology profession has a unique regulation, not included in the regulations for the other professions under the BSRB, which allows current licensed psychologists the ability to request additional time to complete continuing education hours, so they are able to renew their license. If granted an extension for good cause, the licensees would renew their license and be granted additional time, up to 6 months, to complete the remaining hours for their past license period. The Board asked Advisory Committees to discuss this regulation and consider whether this regulation would be desired for other professions. Advisory Committee expressed comments in favor of adding this regulation, but also expressed concerns that adding this regulation would create a burden on staff time. It was noted that the term “good cause,” could also be changed to “extenuating circumstances” and some language could be changed to ensure that licensees do not use this regulation too frequently or rely upon this regulation to avoid completing continuing education hours.

IX. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for October 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.

X. Adjournment. Jurdene Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting. James Godbey seconded. The motion carried.

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