

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Licensed Addiction Counselor Advisory Committee  
October 18, 2019 Minutes**

**Call to Order.** The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, Licensed Addiction Counselor Advisory Committee meeting by Zoom was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 11:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Committee Members** participating. Lisa Carter, Jill Craven, Jason Hess, Michael James, Dulcinea Rakestraw, Justin Spiehs, and Deb Stidham. Steve Brazill, Kendal Carswell and Shane Hudson were absent.

**Staff:** Max Foster and Leslie Allen

**Guests.** Nick Reinecker

**Review of June Minutes:** Dulcinea moved to accept the minutes of the June 28, 2019 Advisory Committee meeting. Jason seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Executive Director Report** – Max Foster:

- Potential legislation includes Board adopting new statutes for social work regarding the hours of supervised experience dropping from 4,000 to 3,000 and hours of direct supervision from 150 to 100. Addiction counselors, masters level psychologists, professional counselors and marriage and family therapists have requested to do same thing. Will be part of legislative package.
- Requirement for board approved clinical supervisors for social work profession will go in legislative package as well.
- Senator Hawk, previous Executive Director, had meetings at state house and informed the board that there are additional discussions taking place regarding mobility and reciprocity of licensure.
- MLO – getting closer to launching new database.
- No change regarding composition of Board. No contact from Director of Appointment from Governors office. Currently have 5 board members whose terms have expired.
- Budget was submitted on time and going through review with Director of Budgets office. Governor makes recommendations and we will submit budget request from Governors office to legislature at beginning of year.
- Number of complaints received in office are drastically increasing. 59% increase in complaints from last fiscal year to this fiscal year.

**New Business.** The following topics were discussed.

- **Implications of the term “in residence”** The committee discussed the difference between in person education and online education.
- **Taking all course work prior to testing** does not affect addiction counselors.
- **Differences between our regulations and test companies** Our regulations are silent on how many times a person can test, it is up to the examination company. No action needed.
- **Creating an exempt license** The Board is looking into this and will discuss at November meeting.

**Old Business.** The following topics were discussed.

- **Clinical Supervision Training for Supervisor requirements.** The committee discussed what the other professions are doing for Board Approved Supervisor trainings. They do not want to proceed with legislative changes at this time.

- **Auditing Addiction Course Work/Colleges and Universities.** Mike will review Washburn University. Justin will review Fort Hays and Kendall will review Pittsburg and Kansas City Kansas. Will discuss it at December meeting.

**Follow-up Items:**

- **Change of word “under direction” to “supervision”** would like better guidelines for what under direction means.

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting:** Next meeting set for Friday, December 20, 2019, begin at 11:00 a.m.