

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Masters Level Psychology Advisory Committee  
April 8, 2021 Minutes**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by chair David Anderson at 2:00 p.m.

**Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Members.** Those who participated by Zoom or by phone were David Anderson, Joshua Tanguay, Thomas Pletcher, Iris Pauly, Shelley Duncan, and Susan Montague.

**BSRB Staff.** Those who participated by Zoom included David Fye, Leslie Allen, and Ashley VanBuskirk.

**Guests.** None

**Additions to the Agenda.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee, David Anderson, added discussion of the disposition of client records for deceased practitioners to the new business section of the agenda.

**Approval of the Agenda.** Joshua Tanguay moved to approve the agenda with the addition mentioned above. Thomas Pletcher seconded. The motion passed.

**Review and Approval of Minutes.** Thomas Pletcher moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2021 meeting as written. Shelley Duncan seconded. The motion passed.

**Executive Director's Report**

- The Executive Director for the BSRB, David Fye, informed the committee that the Legislature has extended the State of Emergency related to the pandemic and an Executive Order was issued by the Governor to delay the expiration of professional licenses until May 28, 2021.
- An update was provided on the bills requested by the BSRB (HB 2208 and SB 238). Both bills have passed both chambers with different language and both bills are in conference committee. It is anticipated that a Conference Committee Report (CCR) will be finalized and then the CCR with the BSRB items is expected to be sent to each chamber to be considered by the Legislature. If the Legislature passes the CCR, it will be sent to the Governor for action.

**Old Business**

- a. **Interstate Compact for Occupational Licensure.** Susan Montague noted that there is no new information to report on this compact. In response to questions, the Executive Director and the Chair provided an overview and answered questions on Psypact, a compact for Licensed Psychology involving teletherapy and providing a limited number of days of in-state practice, as well as the bill before the Legislature which would bring Kansas into Psypact.
- b. **Advisory Committee Membership.** The Chair noted that he had reached out to Larry Salmans to see if he was interested in serving on the advisory committee, but he had not received a response (and the BSRB confirmed the office did not receive a response as well). The committee discussed adding members to the advisory committee and discussed the importance of geographic representation across the state. The committee members asked if information was available on racial diversity of licensees. The Executive Director indicated there is a question on ethnicity on the application forms, but it is an optional question, so the information would only be from applicants who chose to respond to the question. The committee discussed the possibility of asking the Board to send an email to licensees to gauge interest in serving on the advisory committee or sending a more targeted message to licensees from geographic regions with less representation on the committee. However, the Chair indicated that he previously received a list of licensees who had expressed interest in serving on the advisory committee, from a period when members were added to the advisory committee in the past, so he would attempt to see if this list

would be helpful for considering new members, prior to the committee considering other options for increasing membership.

### **New Business**

- a. **Follow-up from Advisory Committee Training.** The committee provided feedback on the Board Member training provided by Assistant Attorney General Janet Arndt.
- b. **KAMP Panel.** The Chair and the Executive Director have been invited to participate in a panel discussion on ethics and scope of practice for the Kansas Association of Masters in Psychology (KAMP) conference on April 15, 2021.
- c. **Update on Board's Decision on Post Graduate Supervision and Definitions.** The Assistant Director for the BSRB, Leslie Allen, clarified licensee's supervision and quantifying time periods for supervision, including changes proposed in the bills requested by the BSRB (HB 2208 and SB 238). The Assistant Director noted that the definition will be changed in regulations, including a new definition of extenuating circumstances, as related to the need for telephonic supervision.
- d. **Discussion on Disposition of Client Records for Deceased Practitioners.** The Chair noted the Board asked advisory committees to discuss and bring back recommendations on the topic of disposition of client records for deceased practitioners. The Executive Director noted that this issue primarily related to solo practitioners and two main issues on this topic include the questions of who would assume custodianship of records and who would provide access to the public for clients wishing to retrieve these records, if a practitioner passed away and there was no logical custodian of the records. Members of the advisory committee discussed some of the practical differences for policies covering paper records and electronic records and the value of providing guidance to the public on this topic. The advisory committee noted its intention to discuss this topic again at the next advisory committee meeting. Any comments on this topic prior to the meeting could be sent to the Executive Director of the BSRB.

**Adjournment.** The next meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Thomas Pletcher moved to adjourn. Shelley Duncan seconded. The motion carried.