

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Masters Level Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting
October 19, 2022**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Guests. None

- II. Approval of the Agenda.** Kari Wold moved to approve the agenda. Lauren Lucht seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes.** Kari Wold moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on August 24, 2022. Travis Hamrick seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on BSRB operations, items from recent Board and Legislative meetings, and provided information on disciplinary trends for the master's level psychology profession.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Types of Testing/Assessments Being Administered by Psychology Programs.** Joshua Tanguay previously volunteered to speak with representatives from schools in Kansas concerning what types of testing courses were being offered. At the meeting, he reported back on this topic. Representatives from schools informed him they believe it would be very difficult to provide training on methods to perform examinations only by screen. BSRB staff noted some out-of-state applicants who attended schools that were completely online have not be able to meet the "in residence" education requirement for licensure in regulations for the profession, due to the physical presence requirement in the "in residence" definition. Advisory Committee members discussed whether the other topic that is required to be obtained "in residence," psychotherapy, would need to remain "in residence" only. No official action was taken.

B. Continued Discussion on Psychometricians. Advisory Committee members noted that the statutes and regulations for the BSRB are silent regarding psychometricians. Members stated that some states, such as Texas, have specific language for the regulations of psychometricians. Advisory Committee members who employ psychometricians discussed what type of services they perform, distinguishing what could be done by those individuals and what would need to be performed by an individual licensed by the BSRB. Other member expressed a desire to employ individuals in this position but noted the value in the BSRB providing language on clear direction for individuals working as psychometricians. Members of the Advisory Committee who employ psychometricians were asked to provide position descriptions or other background information on these positions to the Executive Director and he would distribute this information for review to the members of the Advisory Committee.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion on Possible Regulation for Care of Clients in Crisis. The Executive Director noted the Board recently discussed the rollout of the 988 national suicide prevention hotline and the role of the BSRB if a practitioner licensed by the BSRB receives calls after hours from their clients who are in crisis. The Board discussed whether it should be unprofessional conduct for providers to use an away-plan to with a message that states that the client should contact 911, 988, or their local community mental health center, if the practitioner has not made official arrangements for after-hours crisis care for their clients. The unprofessional conduct regulations for the profession include language on providing continuity of care and abandonment of care, but Advisory Committee members were asked whether new language should be added to clarify practitioner responsibilities. Advisory Committee members expressed concern to make sure that utilization of 911 and 988 would not be discouraged, when it is appropriate. Advisory Committee members reviewed draft language and expressed support for some of the language, but expressed concern about a responsibility to always be available to clients, because of duties different clients or other responsibilities. Concern was also noted regarding practitioners who do not have specific crisis training or have so many clients they could not be available to them at all times. Advisory Committee members discussed the difficulty of having language for all practitioner, given the different types of services being provided, but noted the value of practitioners communicating their availability to clients at the beginning of a client-relationship. Advisory Committee members also discussed that being available to certain clients at all times could potential expose certain practitioners to dangerous situations. The Advisory Committee expressed a desire to continue this conversation at a future meeting to attempt to determine new language.

VII. Possible Additional Agenda Items. None.

VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 2022, from 10am until noon.

IX. Adjournment. Kari Wold moved to adjourn the meeting. Iris Pauly seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.