

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD  
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2022**

**Approved Minutes**

- I. Call to Order.** Ric Steele, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**Committee Members.** Ric Steele, Richard Nobles, Johnna Norton, Jessica Hamilton, Tiffany Johnson, Janine Kesterson, and Zach Parrett were present by Zoom. Abby Callis, Rodney McNeal, and Doug Wright were absent.

**BSRB Staff.** David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Johnna Norton moved to approve the agenda with the addition of one topic added to new business: Discussion of practitioner responsibility for clients experiencing a crisis after hours. Tiffany Johnson seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meetings on June 14, 2022, and August 2, 2022.** Zach Parrett moved to approve the minutes from June 14, 2022. Jessica Hamilton Seconded. The motion passed. Tiffany Johnson moved to approve the minutes from August 2, 2022. Ric Steele Seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB) provided a report on agency activities, actions from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.
- V. Old Business**
- A. PSYPACT Update.** The Executive Director provided an update on the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). The Executive Director provided a quarterly newsletter showing the number of participants in each state. For licensed psychologists lists Kansas as their home state, 68 individuals were providing telehealth services in compact states under PSYPACT authority, and 7 individuals were providing limited in-state services in compact states under PSYPACT authority. The PSYPACT annual meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022.
- B. Continued Discussion on Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.** Advisory Committee members discussed the following possible changes to the unprofessional conduct regulation (K.A.R. 102-1-10a):
- **K.A.R. 102-1-10a(l)(2)** – Replacing the word “credentialed” with another term reflecting current terminology by which the Board authorizes practice;
  - **K.A.R. 102-1-10a(m)** – Replace by bringing the unprofessional conduct regarding recordkeeping regulation (K.A.R. 102-1-20) into the main unprofessional conduct regulation;

- **K.A.R. 102-1-10a(n)(3)** – Replace language “the consent of a participant” with “the consent of a participant, *or assent of a minor participant;*”
- **K.A.R. 102-1-10a(o)(1)** – Replace language “when conducting a forensic examination, failing to inform the examinee of the purpose of the examination and the difference between a forensic examination and a therapeutic relationship” with “when conducting a forensic examination, failing to inform the examinee of the purpose of the examination, the difference between a forensic examination and a therapeutic relationship, *and informing them of the scope of the assessment procedure.*”

**C. Follow-up Discussion on Accreditation Standards.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee noted that educational requirements for licensure for the licensed psychology, for individual who did not attend a program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) are based on APA national standards prior to an updated in 2014. After that update, the requirements in regulation for Kansas were not updated to match the new APA accreditation standards. Also, it was discussed that some programs are moving to other standards, such as the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS). As training programs move to other standards, applicants that do not attend an APA accredited program may no longer meet the standards for licensure in Kansas. The Advisory Committee discussed that one option to modify the regulations could be by adding language in the regulations that if a required course is not completed, an applicant could still satisfy this requirement by submitting evidence of competency.

## **VI. New Business**

**A. Practitioners After Hours Client Crisis Care.** The Board recently discussed the rollout of the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 988, and practitioner responsibility to provide service to clients if they experience a crisis and seek assistance after working hours. The Board discussed whether it was sufficient for a practitioner to have a message directing clients to 988 or 911, or whether a more specific arrangement for care of clients was necessary and whether existing language in the unprofessional conduct regulations was sufficient for this topic. Advisory Committee member discussed adding language that it would constitute unprofessional conduct to fail to notify clients of emergency services, which shall include the following. Failing to notify clients of appropriate emergency services which shall include the following. (1) notifying the clients of appropriate emergency services at beginning of a therapeutic relationship, and (2) including service referral information either in a voicemail communication or through written notice.

**VII. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 6 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned.