

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
SW Advisory Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 12, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Carolyn Szafran at 9:05 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Carolyn Szafran attended in person. Marcia Simoneau, Sharon Stuewe, Hamilton Williams and Carl Myers joined the meeting by phone.

**Guest:** Sky Westerlund - KNASW

**Staff Present:** Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Joan Hahn, Marilyn Revell

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting held on February 12, 2015. Hamilton moved to correct the spelling of Sharon Stuewe's last name and otherwise approve the minutes as read. Carl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Reports and update from BSRB Director:**

1. Max reported that the final version of the BSRB bill with statute changes is at the Revisor's office. Max has met with a senator who will introduce the bill into the Senate Ways and Means Committee. BSRB is removing all language specific to the DSM. At this time, five out of the six steps have been completed by BSRB.
2. Final approval of the BSRB budget that has been submitted should happen today. The Governor has proposed a fee fund sweep increase from 10% to 20% for fee-funded agencies such as BSRB. If that happens, the BSRB budget would be affected.
3. HB 2744 – Max will be meeting with Behavior Analysts and Assistant Behavior Analysts. At this time, no trailer bills will be introduced. The exceptions are any licensee who now uses ABA will not be required to obtain a new license as a Behavior Analyst. We will have an advisory committee for this license. Sharon pointed out that any licensees (therapists) that are currently using the ABA modality should put that fact in their therapy notes for future reference and reimbursement of said treatment without an ABA license.
4. The update to the BSRB has been put on hold due to the staff shortage right now.
5. Leslie will send a copy of the Board Statutes to the whole committee.

**Old Business:**

1. LSCS Supervisor Training for supervision of clinical applicants was discussed. The suggestions were noted by Carolyn and Marilyn and an updated survey will be emailed out to the committee before the next meeting. Carl suggested that each of the committee members complete the survey themselves and see how long it takes. Do NOT forward any comments among the committee members. If you want to comment, send your comments to Marilyn who will compile them and bring them to the next meeting. Leslie said that the BSRB will send out the survey through [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com) and will collect the information. It was suggested to put an item on the Board

agenda to allow participants in the survey to get 1 CEU for completing it. We need to get the word out that soon there will be a requirement of training to be a supervisor.

2. LBSW Regulation changes concerning consultations in nursing homes will take place after the Statute changes are in effect. Regulation 102-2-8
3. DSM IV & DSM V changes – language being revised will remove all “DSM-specific” language or “diagnostic specific” language from the statutes. Regulation language addresses the issue of unprofessional conduct and standards of practice. Sky pointed out that the diagnostic language concerning the DSM IV and DSM V IS in statutes in other states. The KNASW has concerns about eliminating this language as the DSM is a diagnostic criteria tool whereas the ICD is for billing codes. Sky will write up something and send it to Marcia and Carolyn to revisit this issue. Any individual/committee member may contact Sky directly for comment and feedback.
4. BSRB Telemental health subcommittee – There are representative of each profession on this subcommittee. Currently there is no social worker on this subcommittee. Marcia and Carolyn would like to be added to the subcommittee to represent social workers. The next subcommittee meeting will be held in March.

#### **New Business:**

1. Marcia stated that Ashley reviews CEUs and she brought some to Marcia and Carolyn for consultation. If it states “approved by NASW” should the CEU be accepted by BSRB? Should that information be on the bottom of the certificate earned? Are CEUs like this “pre-approved”? No they are not pre-approved. National level training is offered through national providers. If it states “ASWB approved” does that mean it is approved by BSRB? BSRB does pre-approve providers in Kansas (Such as KNASW) but does NOT pre-approve CEU’s. How do licensees know if their CEUs are approved? Sharon brought out her old weapon, “TBSS – too bad, so sad” statement. She stated that social workers need to take responsibility to find out from their state boards as to whether or not the training is approved. Carl pointed out that if licensees read the statutes for clarification on the hours needed for CEU their questioned would be answered “What does this course do to increase your knowledge of your practice and or your profession. Sharon said that anyone, who in good faith, takes a course and then subsequently that course is rejected, is give ample time to replace that credit. And only if the licensee is audited will BSRB know if it was acceptable or not.
2. Sky said that in the past, when a social worker received his or her license in the mail, it was included in a packet of information. The packet included the Statutes and Regulation and CEU suggestions for newly licensed social workers in Kansas. Things that were spelled out was “job-specific” or “workplace specific” training. The culture and responsibilities of licensure was made clear in this packet to newly licensed social workers. Leslie asked the committee for direction on things that they

would now like included in a packet. We could start sending out packets again if the committee would give the staff of the list of items included. BSRB could also put a blurb on the website about CEUs. There was also a suggestion to do a monthly email blast of “1 important thing” to remember each month.

3. Next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Marcia moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and Carl seconded the motion. Motion carried.