

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
SW Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Carolyn Szafran at 1:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Carolyn Szafran attended in person. Sheri Hilger, and Carl Myers, and Hamilton Williams joined the meeting by phone.

Guests: Sky Westerlund – KNASW, Christi Darnell – Valley Hope (attended by phone)

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting held on March 30, 2016. A correction was made to the minutes under “New Business”. Course requirements for the LCSW should read “Currently the 15 hours of coursework, 3 of which are in psychopathology, is not required prior to training plan approval”. Hamilton moved to approve the corrected minutes. Carl seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Reports and update from BSRB Staff:

- Max reported on the status of SB449. At the end of the legislative session, SB449 was combined with some other bills to make up HB2615 which passed the conference committee and was signed by the Governor on Friday, May 13, 2016. All the BSRB proposed changes will take effect July 1, 2016. The new bill calls for a \$30 reduction in licensing fees and the elimination of the original licensing fee. However, the state budget that was proposed by the Kansas Legislature does not balance for FY2017, which begins on July 1, 2016. Last year, \$500,000 was swept from the BSRB fee fund by the state government, so the Board is waiting to see if a similar fate will befall BSRB this year before the fees are reduced. BSRB staff will write the regulations for this plan and we should know by June 30, 2016 whether or not the BSRB fee fund will again be swept.

Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) – Brant Haehn, KDADS Commissioner for community programs shared that KDADS has established an internal policy for facility care regarding Traumatic Brain injury diagnosis (TBI). There is a one-page attestation form for TBI that only authorized qualified medical professionals can use to diagnose TBI. Max stated that means that not one of our licensees would be able to make this medical diagnosis. Sky stated that the attestation is not a diagnosis but a confirmation of a diagnosis. Sky suggested that KDADS needs to clean up the policy to be written more clearly. Carl said that TBI is in the DSM and as a clinical social worker, he would want a neurologist to diagnose TBI, but as a therapist, the clinical social worker should be able to treat the client in dealing with TBI. KDADS wants to meet on Friday.

Max reported on the ASWB annual spring training for social work boards. The theme this year was “Crossing Borders – Social Work in the age of Mobility”. Mobility will be increasing and we have to be aware of the trends and adapt to those trends. There are three pillars that work

together for the profession of social work: 1. Educators; 2. Regulators; 3. Practitioners. Max was on a panel that discussed the legislative process and regulatory issues.

Max reported on the issue of non-licensed people representing themselves as “social workers”. Jan Arndt, Assistant Attorney General, recommended to the Board that this be a case for civil enforcement. The Board can recommend prosecution to the District or County Attorney. The Board could designate the CRC to call for action and follow up with a cease and desist order. In Kansas, social work is a title protected profession and the practice of social work is also protected. Sheri recommended if an advisory committee member has an example, to please send it to Max. Then the BSRB investigator can follow up with research. The report has to be in writing and then the BSRB can investigate and follow up with the person. If needed, this issue can be forwarded to the CRC for action. First, we need a source to follow through. This committee will revisit this issue at the July meeting.

Old Business:

1. Supervisor Manual will be put on the July Agenda. Joan remarked that she has had many calls supporting the mandatory supervisor training.
2. Reciprocity instructions – The advisory committee need to provide feedback to Leslie on these revised instructions. She will email the form again.
3. Advisory committee applicants – The committee looked through the areas represented by the applicants for the committee. The recommendation was to narrow down the field to 6 or 7 applicants and decide on 2-3 at the July meeting. Marilyn will email the letters of interest and information to all the committee members with the minutes.

New Business:

1. Board Member Exchange – Social Work in the Age of Mobility. Conference was held in New Jersey April 27 – May 1. Carolyn attended as a presenter. Multiple states and U.S. territories were represented. Board small group discussion allowed members to compare jurisdiction similarities and differences. They also discussed supervision, Board and Staff relations, competencies, and telemental health issues. Also discussed was the 3 pillars strategy and how it could be applied to every profession. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
2. Leslie will work on 102-2-8 and send it to the committee to review at the July meeting.
3. Leslie said that the staff has planned communication to all licensees about changes in the BSRB Statutes and Regulations. The communication could be on the website, through a newsletter and/or email blasts. This is planned for June 30th or July 1st.

Next meeting is set for July 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Carl moved to adjourn the meeting. Sheri seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.