

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
SW Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, July 20, 2016
2:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Carolyn Szafran at 2:04 p.m.

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

Guests: Sky Westerlund – KNASW, Alice Kitchen – retired LSCSW

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

Approval of Minutes: Carl moved to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2016 meeting. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports and update from Max Foster, Executive Director:

- Max reported that he and Leslie gave a presentation to the Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals today to explain the new level of licensing for addiction counselors, the LMAC (Licensed Master's Addiction Counselor). LMAC licensing became effective July 1, 2016. Also effective July 1, 2016, is the licensing of Behavior Analysts and Assistant Behavior Analysts. Temporary regulations were put in place on July 1, 2016 and they are only good for 120 days. A public hearing to discuss the permanent regulations for this profession is set for September 12 at the BSRB office. The permanent regulations are identical to the temporary regulations.

BSRB wants to reduce the licensing fees charged to applicants/licensees. Max is re-running the numbers for the reduction of costs of licensing fees. Last year, \$500,000 was swept from the BSRB fee fund by the state government, so the Board waited to see if the fee fund would be swept again. It was not swept.

Max reported on a staff change. Jennifer Peerenboom is leaving and Marilyn Revell has been promoted to the position of Licensing Specialist for Addiction Counselors. The front desk receptionist position will now need to be filled.

Guest, Alice Kitchen spoke of her concerns for the social work profession in Kansas. She is a retired LSCSW who first started practicing social work in Kansas in 1976. She testified before the Kansas legislature to help put BSRB in place. She came to the Advisory Meeting to share her concerns for the social work values and standards in place in Kansas. She wants to strengthen the roles of social workers in the state. She wants to work for the strongest regulations that address the values of social work. She also shared her concerns about the protection of the public as clients. She asked that her letter to Grant Edwards, BSRB Chair, be forwarded by email to this committee.

Old Business:

1. A subcommittee to work on a Supervisor Manual is made up of Sharon Stuewe, Shari Hilger, Carl Myers, Marcia Simoneau and Carolyn Szafran. Sharon said that she would

send out a meeting wizard to the other subcommittee members to set a date to discuss the supervisor manual more in depth.

2. Reciprocity instructions – The advisory committee reviewed the application for licensing by reciprocity for the Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker. Some of the members asked if Kansas’ application by reciprocity is comparable to other states’ reciprocity forms.
3. Advisory committee applicants – Hamilton Williams left the committee as he moved out of the state. The recommendation from the committee was to present 4 of the applicants as Advisory committee members at the next Board meeting. Grant Edwards, Board Chair, will then appoint the following four applicants to the Social Work Advisory Committee: Raymond Gillet, LMSW - Wichita; Angie Heller-Workman, LBSW- Topeka; Jane Holzrichter, LMSW- Hutchinson; Rebecca Upshaw, LMSW – Garden City. Sheri moved to present these four applicants to the Board at the August 15, 2016 Board Meeting for appointment to the Advisory Committee. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Currently, the regulations state that for every 20 hours of client contact, there is 1 hour (up to 2 hours) of supervision required. The discussion was concerning regulations regarding how often to meet for supervision while accruing hours towards the LSCSW. Leslie asked the committee for help in defining the “clinical social work” versus the “non-clinical social work” in a training plan. Sheri asked the subcommittee look at this issue and discuss it in the subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee was asked to bring clear examples and definitions. Joan stated that in other states, the “non-direct” client contact hours are more clearly defined. This issue will be discussed in the subcommittee meeting and presented at the next Advisory committee meeting in September.
2. Case Management as clinical social work practice. This issue was tabled until the next Advisory Committee Meeting.
3. There was other discussion about the title “social work generalist”. Skye pointed out that is not a licensed social worker in the state of Kansas and is a misleading term “Social Work” *is* practice protected and title protected in Kansas. Max will take this issue to the Board Attorney.

Next meeting is set for September 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Sharon moved to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.