

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board**  
**Social Work Advisory Committee**  
**February 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Approved Minutes**

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Andrea Perdomo-Morales at 1:00 p.m.
- Social Work Advisory Committee Members.** Advisory Committee members present included Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Carolyn Szafran, Donna Hoener-Queal, Sarah Berens, Mary Gill, Mike Gillett, Angi Heller-Workman, Jane Holzrichter, Catherine Rech, Eric Schoenecker, and Robin Unruh.
- BSRB Staff.** Staff members present included David Fye and Leslie Allen
- II. Agenda Approval.** Donna Hoener-Queal moved to approve the agenda as written. Jane Holzrichter seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Minutes Approval.** Angi Heller-Workman moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on October 25, 2021. Carolyn Szafran seconded. The motion passed. Carolyn Szafran moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on November 3, 2021. Donna Hoener-Queal seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Introduction of New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed new members Sarah Berens, Mary Gill, Catherine Rech, and Eric Schoenecker. Members of the Advisory Committee shared information on their backgrounds and interest in serving on the Advisory Committee.
- V. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following topics:
- A. BSRB Staff Update.** As of January 4, 2022, all BSRB licensing staff are back in the office full-time. Investigators are using a hybrid model, working in the office three days each week and utilizing the BSRB Telework Pilot two days each week. The BSRB filled an open Administrative Assistant position at the end of December. The BSRB physical office was closed Wednesday, February 2, 2022, due to inclement weather, but most staff were still able to work remotely due to current technology.
- B. January Board Meeting.** The Executive Director provided updates from the Board meeting on January 10, 2022. The previous Board Governance Policy was last modified in 2011. In the fall, the Board recommended significant changes and the document has been replaced by two new documents: (1) an Expectations of Board Members Policy and (2) an Advisory Committee Policy. The Board discussed whether to pursue statutory changes to allow persons with more than one license to be able to renew their license at the same time. The Board was supportive of allowing syncing of the expiration date of multiple licenses, but not to make it a requirement. The BSRB will be working on proposed language to make this change.
- C. 2022 Legislative Session.** On January 11, 2022, the Governor provided the State of the State address. Legislation was requested on behalf of BSRB in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. The bill including the recommendations of the Board of the BSRB is

Senate Bill 387. An announcement about the bill is on the BSRB website. The Executive Director provided a summary of the three items in the bill. The bill hearing was heard by the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Following the hearing, the Committee met to work the bill and amended out the Board's recommendation for the Licensed Psychology profession, then voted the bill out of Committee favorably for passage. The BSRB will be requesting the Senate work amended SB 387 on the Senate Floor prior to the Legislative "Turnaround" deadline.

- D. Budget Update.** The Governor's recommendation for the agency's budget was the same amount as the BSRB's revised estimates in FY 2022 and FY 2023. The budget for the BSRB was approved by the House Budget Committee and was reported out of House Appropriations Committee favorably with no changes. The agency's budget was heard by the Senate Transparency and Ethics Committee on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, and was reported out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Friday, February 11, 2022.
- E. Conference.** The Executive Director was invited to speak at the Federal Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) annual conference in Fort Worth, TX, on the topic of Public Protection Through Creative Access to Information.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Training for the Board/Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided training to Board members and Advisory Committee members serving on the Advisory Committee, including an overview of the Expectations of Board Members Policy, the Advisory Committee Policy, Guidelines for Public Attendees of Meetings, and a summary of Board Member and Advisory Committee Orientation originally prepared by Assistant Attorney General Janet Arndt.
- B. Review of Responses to Social Work Survey.** In the fall, the Social Work Advisory Committee expressed interest in a survey being sent to all licensed social workers on supervision and other topics relevant to the profession. The Executive Director drafted potential survey questions and collected feedback at the Advisory Committee meeting on October 19, 2021. The survey was sent to all permanent social work licensees on December 16, 2021, via email using SurveyMonkey. The survey closed on December 20, 2021. One thousand eighty-seven social workers completed at least part of the survey. The Executive Director drafted a report concerning the responses to the survey, noted that the report had been posted to the BSRB website, and summarized the report for the Advisory Committee members. After reviewing information in the report, Advisory Committee members expressed support for members continuing to review the feedback to the survey for possible recommendations for legislation in the future.
- C. Committee Work for the Upcoming Year.** Members of the Advisory Committee expressed interest in working on topics including clinical supervision, possible continuing education requirements in the area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), and workforce shortages.
- D. Unprofessional Conduct Regulation.** The Executive Director noted Advisory Committee members received a copy of the unprofessional conduct regulations for the profession and asked members to review the regulations to be able to discuss whether any changes are needed at the next Advisory Committee meeting. The Executive Director noted the importance of Advisory Committees reviewing the statutes and regulations for the

professions to make sure those documents do not contain outdated terminology and take into consideration changes in technology, such as social media and telehealth.

**VIII. Next Meeting.** Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment.** Carolyn Szafran moved to adjourn the meeting. Donna Hoener-Queal seconded. The motion passed.