

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting
October 20, 2023**

DRAFT Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 1:00 pm.

Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Members. Advisory Committee Members who participated by Zoom or phone were David Anderson, David Stevens, Rebecca Jabara, Lauren Lucht, Iris Pauly, Robert Pedroza, Jennifer Schreiner, and Joshua Tanguay. Travis Hamrick, Bruce Johnson, and Kari Wold were absent.

BSRB Staff. BSRB staff members who participated by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- II. Approval of the Agenda.** Lauren Lucht moved to approve the agenda. Joshua Tanguay seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Introduction of New Public Board Member David Stevens**
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Advisory Committee Meeting on August 16, 2023.** Lauren Lucht moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on August 16, 2023. Joshua Tanguay seconded. The motion passed.
- V. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency operations, legislative updates, recent Board meetings, and upcoming meetings.
- VI. Updates from Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual Meeting September 27, 2023, through October 1, 2023.** The Executive Director provided a summary of items discussed at the recent annual meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). One item discussed at the meeting was that the American Psychological Association (APA) is working on standards for accrediting master's level psychology programs. Another topic discussed included the EPPP Part 1 and Part 2. An ASPPB task force has been created to attempt to standardize requirements states could use for licensure of master's level psychologists. It was noted that members of this task force provided a preliminary conversation on their considerations to this point, but the preliminary findings they discussed did not match the current requirements in Kansas, as this new proposal would require a 450 on the EPPP, the title used by this level of practitioners would not include the word "psychologist," and the scope of practice would be limited. It was noted that the findings by the task force were preliminary and that they would continue to meet. It was also noted that even after

the finding are completed, states would not be required to move to the new recommended standards.

VII. Old Business.

A. Continued Discussion on Recognizing APA Accreditation from LP Programs as Satisfying Accreditation Standard for Master's Level Psychology.

Applicants. If an applicant receives their education from a program that has not previously been found to meet the educational requirements in regulation, often an expert is needed to review the program and the coursework to determine educational equivalence. The Advisory Committee discussed whether an individual attending an APA accredited Ph.D program have sufficient education, or if language should be added to the regulations stating that the applicant must receive their education from an accredited institution and satisfy all coursework requirements in regulation. Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, provided Advisory Committee members example language for review. The Assistant Director explained that this new regulation would not change the coursework or practicum requirements; it would only change the program requirements. BSRB will attempt to contact schools to examine doctoral-level psychological program requirements, especially including courses taken during the first two years of a program.

B. Continued Discussion on K.A.R. 102-4-13 Use of Computerized Psychological Tests.

The Advisory Committee discussed adding language that the person providing the testing must have appropriate training and competence in the subject-matter for which the tests are administered. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended changes to be forwarded to the Board when the Board considers further changes, including new language on item b(5).

C. Continued Discussion on Proposed Changes to Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.

The Advisory Committee discussed further changes to the unprofessional conduct regulations for their profession and by consensus, recommended the following changes:

- In Item (11), replacing the word “cruel” to “unprofessional.”
- In Item (12), adding the language “sexual orientation” to the list.
- In Item (20), replacing the word “secrets” with “confidential information.”
- In Item (22), replacing the word “secrets” with “confidential information.”
- In Item (41), adding the language “including after hours.”
- In Item (44), adding language that practitioners have a plan in place for who would be the custodian of records if they were to become incapacitated or pass away unexpectedly.
- In Item (47), adding “inappropriate” in front of “dual relationship.”
- In Item (52), adding language that states that licensees cannot perform any services that they are not properly trained in.
- Cleaning up and adding Item (56) into the LMLP regulations.
- Adding Item (58) into the LMLP regulations.

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion on Applicant's for LCP Taking EPPP Early.** The Executive Director noted that currently, if an applicant is applying for licensure as a master's level psychologist, they receive approval to take the EPPP as the licensing examination. If they obtain a 400, they can become licensed as a master's level psychologist, but if they later wish to obtain the licensed clinical psychotherapist license, they receive approval to retake the EPPP to reach the 500 level, only after they have completed 3,000 hours of direct client contact. At the employer forum, it was asked if this topic could be discussed, as some individuals may perform more poorly on the EPPP after waiting several years to take it again, but they cannot take it unless they have approval from the BSRB. Due to time restraints, this topic will be moved to the next meeting.
- B. Standard Time and Date for Meetings in 2024.** The Executive Director noted several advisory committees are attempting to set standard days and times for meetings. The Executive Director will contact Advisory Committee members prior to the December meeting, to collect feedback on possible conflicts for a standard meeting day and time for meetings in 2024.

IX. Possible Additional Agenda Items. None

X. Next Meeting: Remote meeting at 1pm on December 11, 2023

XI. Adjournment. David Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Lauren Lucht seconded. The meeting was adjourned.