

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
ADDICTION COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jill Flessing at 10am.
- II. Advisory Committee Members in Attendance.** Advisory Committee members who participated by Zoom were Jill Flessing, Jacqueline Lightcap, Chad Jacobs, Michael James, Charity Kossin, Dulcinea Rakestraw, and Zenova Williams. Christina Boyd, Lisa Carter, and Jason Hess were absent.
- BSRB Staff in Attendance.** David Fye, Leslie Allen, and Sami Barksdale were present by Zoom.
- Visitors.** None
- III. Agenda Approval.** Dulcinea Rakestraw moved to approve the agenda. Chad Jacobs seconded. Motion Passed.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting on August 25, 2023.** Dulcinea Rakestraw moved to approve the minutes. Chad Jacobs seconded. Motion Passed.
- V. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided updates on agency operations, legislative matters, and update from past Board meetings.
- VI. Old Business**
- a. Continued Discussion on Proposed Changes to Unprofessional Conduct Regulations from Other Professions.** Advisory Committee members discussed possible changes to the unprofessional conduct regulation. Advisory Committee member recommended changes regarding language on social media and informed consent be added to coincide with other professions regulations. Advisory Committee members recommended language be added for situations in which a practitioner passes away unexpectedly and there is not a custodian of their records. Advisory Committee members discussed the regulation stating it is unprofessional conduct to have sexual relations with a client within 24-months of the termination of services, and the Advisory Committee did not recommend making a change to this regulation. Advisory Committee members discussed the anti-discrimination language in item "L," and expressed support for adding terms found in the marriage and family therapy unprofessional conduct regulation.
 - b. Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to Clinical Training Plan Requirements.** Advisory Committee members discussed the current requirement in the regulation that states changes to an approved clinical training plan must be submitted within 45 day of making the change, or the hours will not count. The Advisory Committee supported more flexible language that the changes should be major changes to their clinical training plans. Advisory Committee members expressed support for new language that a clinician 'may' lose their hours if they do not update the Board within 45 days, however the Board will make final decision.
 - c. Continued Review and Discussion of Possible Changes to Regulations**

- i. **K.A.R. 102-3-10a Continuing Education for Licensees.** By consensus, the Advisory Committee members recommended removing self-directed learning projects and recommended removing post-tests requirement for hours.
- ii. **K.A.R. 102-3-11a Documentation for Continuing Education.** By consensus, the Advisory Committee agreed to recommend removing language documenting self-directed projects and to remove requirement to provide paper certifications. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended striking language that copies would not be accepted. Advisory Committee members recommended updating terminology, (videotape/audiotape and video recording/audio recording).
- iii. **Discussion to Consider Supervision as Continuing Education.** Advisory Committee members discussed the prospect of adding supervision as a category to attain continuing education hours, but with a maximum number of hours determined. The Advisory Committee recommended allowing a maximum of 10 hours to be allowed under a clinical training plan, and receiving supervision can count 10 hours toward their continuing education requirements, except in connection with any continuing education required due to a disciplinary order. Michael James moved to approve this language being added. Charity Kossin seconded. The motion passed.
- d. **Continued Discussion of Alternate Licensure / Reciprocity Process Based on Years of Service in Lieu of Meeting Other Requirements.** The Advisory Committee discussed whether to consider a recommendation of allowing experience in lieu of education for meeting the requirements of licensure. It was noted that when licensure for addiction counseling began, there was a strong desire to have standardized criteria for permanent licensure, including passage of a national examination and educational requirements. Advisory Committee members agreed that further discussion of this item will take place at a future meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. **Future Topics for Advisory Committee for 2024.** Due to time constraints, discussion on this item was tabled to future meeting.
- b. **Time and Date for Advisory Committee Meetings in 2024.** By consensus, the Advisory Committee decided to meet quarterly in 2024. Date and time for regular meetings will be determined later.

VIII. Next Meeting: December 2023

- IX. Adjournment** Charity Kossin moved to adjourn. Dulcinea Rakestraw seconded. The meeting was adjourned.