

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
LAC Advisory Committee Minutes
January 9th, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Burks at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Barbara Burks, Dan Peterson, Stephen Brazill, Thomas Buell, Dalyn Schmitt and Kristina (Tina) Steffensmeier in person and Cheryl Reynolds on the phone.

Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Jennifer Peerenboom, Marilyn Revell

Guests: Sky Westerlund

Review/Approval of Minutes: In lieu of actual minutes, Barbara reviewed what happened at the last LAC advisory committee meeting: The LAC advisory committee last met on Friday, November 7th, 2014 at 10 a.m. in Max's office. The committee spent most of the meeting discussing the review of a CAO order.

Call for agenda/discussion items:

COA Guidelines – substance use issues:

The CRC asked the LAC committee for input on licensees who have issues with substance use. Deb Stidham and Barbara Burke were on a subcommittee that met to come up with some guidelines for the CRC. The subcommittee recommended that Consent Orders should start with an evaluation and that they be supervised during a period of time set up by the CAO. The limit of drug testing is a "slice-of-time" to keep in balance the Board's responsibility and the protection of the public. The only changes made to the proposed guidelines was on #2 to add "And be supervised for a period of a minimum of 1 year up to" twenty-four months by a person clinically licensed by the BSRB in the same profession as the licensee and approved by the Board.

Cheryl stated that the CRC committee as well as the Document Review Committee will review the guidelines suggested by the LAC subcommittee.

Tina asked if the committee needed to talk about frequency? Leslie Allen said that the CAO spells out the frequency in the order.

Barbara Burks will make the change discussed by the committee and submit it to Max and Leslie.

Proposed BSRB statute changes:

Max and Leslie said that they received a 53-page draft this week and will submit that draft to the Board on Monday. For all professions, the Board is seeking the authority to get fingerprints and/or background checks. Right now, the only time that BSRB does a background check is if the applicant has admitted to a felony.

Also, the Original license fee can be reduced to \$10 in the proposed statute change. All of the BSRB professions will be changed to be subject to the rules of KAPA in the proposed statute change. Reciprocity language across all BSRB professions will state that the applicant will have

had an active license in the previous state for 60 out of the last 66 months. Coordination of the renewal of all licenses will be made available in the proposed statute change.

Barbara pointed out that anyone who is currently licensed as an LAC, but has a master degree and is working on a training plan with a supervisor and can diagnose and treat clients while under supervision needs to have the authority to do so. Therefore, a new level of licensure will be introduced as the Masters Level Addiction Counselor or “MLAC”.

Leslie said that there would be no new exam for this level, just the completion of a MS degree, including a clinical diagnosis class. We need to fine-tune the language on this part of the statute.

Barbara suggested, “Applicant should have a Masters degree from an approved program in a related mental health field.”

Barbara also pointed out that the DSM may be referenced but not designated as the diagnostic instrument used by October 2015.

It was brought up that the testing fees for LACs will be increasing \$20 for both levels of testing on July 1st, 2015. The brochures and website need to be updated with this information.

Future meeting dates were announced for March 6th, May 1st and July 10th, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned by Barbara at 11:20 to go into KAPA session.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.