

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
ADDICTION COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 10:00 a.m.

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance: Advisory Committee members who participated by Zoom were Christina Boyd, Lisa Carter, Jason Hess, Shane Hudson, Chad Jacobs, Michael James, and Charity Kossin. Jacqueline Lightcap & Dulcinea Rakestraw were absent.

BSRB Staff in Attendance: David Fye, Leslie Allen, and Sami Barksdale were present by Zoom.

Visitors: Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, Jerry Monroe, and Diane Sevening.

- II. Review and Approval for the Agenda:** Advisory Committee member, Charity Kossin moved to approve the agenda with no changes. Advisory Committee member Chad Jacobs seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Presentation on National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC).** Cynthia Moreno, Executive Director for the National Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC), Jerry Monroe, Director of Certification and Testing at NAADAC, and Diane Sevening, NASAC Chair, presented information on NASAC. In response to questions, representatives from NASAC stated 29 programs are currently accredited, across 15 states. Also, it was stated that two of the 29 programs currently accredited are fully virtual, though some programs are hybrid. The Advisory Committee stated an intention to discuss further at a future meeting the possibility of adding NASAC accreditation to the licensing regulations for the addiction counseling profession, so that applicants seeking licensure could have received their education from a program accredited by NASAC or alternatively met the other program and educational requirements for licensure.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Advisory Committee Meeting on November 3, 2022.** Jason Hess moved to approve the minutes. Charity Kossin seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- V. Executive Director Report:** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB), provided updates on the BSRB operations, Board actions from the Board meeting on November 14, 2022, and legislative updates.
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on New Possible License Types.** The Advisory Committee continued discussion on possible requirements for a new student license for

individuals pursuing an addiction counselor license and individuals seeking a master's level addiction counselor license. The Advisory Committee recommended forwarding a proposal to create a new Temporary Licensed Addiction Counselor license, which would last for two years, with one two-year renewal with submission of required documentation. The requirements for this new license were recommended by consensus of the Advisory Committee and confirmed in a document that would be provided to the Board for consideration at the Board's meeting in January 2023.

B. Continued Discussion on New Possible License Types. The Advisory Committee continued discussion on possible requirements for a new student license for individuals pursuing a licensed master's addiction counselor license. The Advisory Committee recommended forwarding a proposal to create a new Graduate Student Temporary Licensed Master's Addiction Counselor license which would last for two years, with one two-year renewal with submission of required documentation. The requirements for this new license were recommended by consensus of the Advisory Committee and confirmed in a document that would be provided to the Board for consideration at the Board's meeting in January 2023.

C. Discussion on Possible Changes to Reciprocity and License Requirements.

a. K.S.A. 65-6613 Reciprocity Statute. The Executive Director summarized the existing reciprocity requirements for the addiction counseling profession in K.S.A. 65-6613 as well as an alternative reciprocity process created by 2021 HB 2066. Shane Hudson moved to remove language concerning a substantially equivalent licensure process and remove the current requirement of having practiced in another jurisdiction for 48 of the past 54 months, to be replaced with holding a license with a similar scope of practice in another jurisdiction, regardless of timeframe. Charity Kossin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

b. K.A.R. 102-7-3 Educational Requirements for Licensure. Due to time constraints, this item was tabled.

D. Finalize Recommended Changes to Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.

Advisory Committee members discussed the following final recommended changes to the unprofessional conduct regulations (K.A.R. 102-7-11 and K.A.R. 102-7-11(a)):

- a. K.A.R. 102-7-11(r).** The Advisory Committee recommended changing (3) to replace the word "person" with "party."
- b. K.A.R. 102-7-11(s).** The Advisory Committee recommended striking reference to "by other person's" and adding "especially in telehealth practice" at the end of the section.
- c. K.A.R. 102-7-11(l).** The Advisory Committee recommended to adding "gender expression" and "sexual orientation."
- d. K.A.R. 102-7-11(x).** The Advisory Committee recommended remaining consistent with timeframes supported by other professions under the BSRB by remaining at the existing 24-month timeframe.

- e. **K.A.R. 102-7-11(v).** The Advisory Committee recommended adding language “towards one’s client, supervisee, or student.”
- f. **K.A.R. 102-7-11(t).** The Advisory Committee recommended adding language “including, but not limited to” prior to “billing practices and advertising,” to clarify that billing practice and advertising are not the only actions that would fall under this regulation.
- g. **K.A.R. 102-7-11(a) Record Keeping.** The Advisory Committee recommended moving this regulation under the primary unprofessional conduct regulation, consistent with recommendations by other Advisory Committees.
- h. **K.A.R. 102-7-11(a).** The Advisory Committee recommended adding language that it would constitute unprofessional conduct to fail to report to the Board conviction of any crime.
- i. **Record Keeping Regulation.** The Advisory Committee recommended adding language that is a practitioner’s responsibility to identify an alternate custodian of their records if they are incapacitated or pass away unexpectedly and there is no other custodian of their records.
- j. **Overall.** The Advisory Committee recommended changing existing references of licensed addiction counselors and licensed clinical addiction counselors to “individuals authorized to provide addiction counseling services by the Board,” so that it is clear that individuals holding temporary licenses, new student temporary licenses, or other future license or permits will be covered.

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion on Committee Topics for 2023.** Due to time constraints, this item was tabled.
- B. Discussion on Meetings for 2023 – Dates, Times, Remote/Hybrid.** The Advisory Committee set future meeting dates for Friday, March 3, 2023, at 10am over Zoom. The following meeting will be Friday, May 5, 2023, at 10am.

VIII. Next Meeting. Friday, March 3, 2023, at 10am over Zoom.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.