

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
MFT Advisory Committee Minutes
January 7, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Pfannenstiel at 10:05 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Terry Pfannenstiel, Steven Rathbun, Camille Lafleur attended in person and on the phone were members Mary Jones, Cheryl Reynolds and Rebecca Culver-Turner.

Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Marilyn Revell

Guests: No guests

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the last meeting held November 5, 2014 were reviewed. Steve moved to approve the minutes and Camille seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

3. **No Applications to Review**

4. **Update on Autism Legislation**

Max reported that he and Grant met with “Autism Speaks” and Dr. Mike Wasmer in Kansas City on December 5th at the KU Edwards campus. Ninety-five percent of the discussion centered on reimbursement. At this time, “Autism Speaks” and the stakeholders don’t think that there is any need to change the current law. The Capper Foundation has already met with the Shawnee County legislators and said the law needs to be “loosened up” per Vicky Schmidt. Dr. Mike Wasmer asked BSRB representatives if there would be a seat on the BSRB board for a Behavior Analyst? The answer is no. Terry asked who is to be reimbursed? Were there more questions than answers at that Kansas City meeting with “Autism Speaks”?

Cheryl said that she has been talking to some of the Shawnee County Legislators about the Bill and can discuss it further at the legislative subcommittee meeting.

Terry pointed out that Behavior Analysis is not a profession, but a treatment modality.

5. **Review of Supervision Language for MFT Supervisors**

Statute changes – Max received the bill draft from the Revisor’s Office and it is 53 pages. Max will review it with the Board at the Board meeting next Monday, January 12, 2015.

Sandra Stith had told Terry that as of next year, all supervisors will have to be AMMFT-approved supervisors to supervise students.

Rebecca asked if there was a possibility of supervision for MFTs being done by another BSRB profession? Terry stated that during undergraduate and graduate studies, the student should definitely be supervised by someone in the MFT field, but after they are out of school, the professional seeking clinical licensure should be able to be supervised across the profession lines if they are qualified to do so.

Steve said that the Kansas history of this coalition of mental health is rich with cooperation between professions and without “guild protection”. This was very productive attitude held in the past.

Leslie said that right now, the statute is being proposed to require an additional license or endorsement to be a supervisor.

6. DSM IV vs DSM V

Terry said that the state is looking at October 2015 to put the DSM V into effect. Steve asked if it references “DSM language” in statute? Leslie said that no, it is in regulation that the diagnosis manual to use is identified. Cheryl stated that the legislative committee is looking at the legalities of the language of the statute. Terry said that this issue will be discussed at the Board meeting on Monday. Mary said that the United Health Care insurance wants to require the mental health centers to “use DSM V criteria for billing certification”. Steve said that if you are using DSM V, the regulation doesn’t prohibit using it. Right now both DSM IV and DSM V are being used.

7. Televideo/Telemental Health:

Steve Rathbun passed out handouts from the AAMFT.org

Terry shared an article from Family Therapy Magazine (the fall edition) about telemental health and recommended other committee members read it if they’d like. Terry asked if, when using telemental technology, there could be a supervision model generalized? What specific areas can be utilized by telemental health technologies? In the Nov/Dec edition of the Family Therapy Magazine, there was another article addressing this issue.

8. New Business:

Steve asked if Marilyn could send the minutes and agenda to KAMFT. Steve will send contact information to Marilyn for this purpose.

After the minutes have been accepted and approved by the Board, can we put the MFT meeting minutes on the BSRB website?

The testing company for the MFT profession has changed. Now, the test will be offered monthly which offers a quicker turn-around time. Leslie will follow up with the committee on the new details at the next meeting.

Terry announced that Wednesday, March 11th at 10:00 a.m. will be the next MFT advisory committee meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.