

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
MFT Advisory Committee Minutes
March 11, 2015

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

Committee Members Present: Terry Pfannenstiel, Camille Lafleur, Wes Jones, Steven Rathbun and Rebecca Culver-Turner attended in person and Mary Jones attended by phone. Absent: Joyce Baptist and Cheryl Reynolds

Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Marilyn Revell

Guests: Sky Westerlund

1. **Review of Minutes:** The minutes for the last meeting held January 7, 2014 were reviewed. Wes moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Camille seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
2. **No Applications to Review**
3. **Use of DSM V:**

Terry said that insurance companies will now let licensees know that they should be using DSM V now through coding and billing. The official date is October 15, 2015 for implementation.

Wes said that an abnormal psychology class being currently taught at Emporia State is using DSM V.

Steve said that at Friends University, the DSM V was taught starting last year and ICD 10 as well, although they are still referring back to DSM IV at times.

Terry said that all is well as long as the licensee's diagnosis is by using the skills with which the licensee has been trained.
4. **Update on SB254 – Max Foster:**

The changes proposed in the BSRB statutes are to provide consistency between all BSRB professions:

 - a) Proposed elimination of language referencing “DSM” as diagnosis language.
Max has appealed to other Boards and national organizations as to how to handle this in statute. All but 2 replies stated that other states do NOT reference the DSM in statute.
 - b) Reciprocity – changing specifications to continuous licensure in the other state for “60 out of the previous 66 months” to allow a little flexibility for life events.
 - c) Statute language consistent across all professions to deny, revoke, or suspend a license or application.
 - d) Establish an LMAC – masters level addiction counselor license.
 - e) Reduce licensure fees – change the language of the statute from “the board shall charge” to “the board may charge”.
 - f) Currently the psychologists and social workers are under KOMA, the open meetings act, instead of KAPA, the standard for administrative proceedings act with which all the remaining BSRB professions are ruled.

- g) Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Social Workers are establishing training standards for supervisors in their respective fields.
 - h) Establishing the right of the board to require fingerprinting and background checks.
5. Currently, 10% of the BSRB income is forwarded to the State of Kansas for the general fund. There has been a proposal to increase this fee by another 10% resulting in an overall 20% of BSRB's income to be used by the state. If this proposed action goes through, this will impact BSRB's ability to reduce fees for licensees.
 6. Mandated training for supervisors –Kansas supervision requirements are different than national requirements. Terry shared that the Professional Counselors are requiring 30 hours for the supervisor training. Should there be a grandfather provision? What are the requirements for MFT supervisors? The AAMFT general rules could suffice, but there are Kansas specific needs such as the Kansas statutes and regulations. After much discussion, Terry stated that the President of KAMFT has asked if their organization could put together a program to train the supervisors of Kansas.
Terry suggested the committee develop a process for supervisor training. It was decided to let the KAMFT put together a training program, then have a task force consisting of KAMFT people with committee members and other licensees. The committee representatives will be Joyce Baptist, Camille LaFleur, Mary Jones and Steve Rathbun as an alternate. We suggested Terry, Natasha and Rusty represent the KAMFT. The committee directed Terry to put together the task force. Leslie will ask Jan about the open meeting rules if the task force met elsewhere.
 7. Staff will travel to Wichita in April. John Walker from Newman University has arranged a program with Friends University, Kansas Newman and Wichita State University. The program will take place on Monday, April 20th.
 8. The role of BSRB as an important “community of interest” for COAMFTE Accredited Programs. Steve said that we need to raise the standards of attestations. He would like to survey the university members to see if they are holding to the standards.
 9. MFT testing program, centers and scheduled dates. <https://secure.ptcnyc.com/apply> is the new website to schedule tests. There is one week out of each month when testing can now take place. It is usually the 3rd full week of each month.
 10. MFT Credentialing Specialist. No Bruno back in the office yet.
 11. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 10:00 a.m.
 12. Terry adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.