

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Masters Level Psychology Advisory Committee  
February 10, 2022  
Approved Minutes**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 10:00 am.

**Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Members.** Advisory Committee Members who participated by Zoom or phone were David Anderson, Donna Hoener-Queal, Rebecca Jabara, Iris Pauly, Kari Wold, and Lauren Lucht.

**BSRB Staff.** BSRB staff members who participated by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.

**Guests.** None

**Additions to the Agenda.** None.

**Approval of the Agenda.** Donna Hoener-Queal moved to approve the agenda and Iris Pauly seconded. The motion passed.

**Review and Approval of Minutes.** Iris Pauly moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on November 4, 2021. Lauren Lucht seconded. The motion passed.

**Executive Director's Report** – David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on the following items:

**1. BSRB Staff Update.** As of January 4, 2022, all BSRB licensing staff is back in the office full-time. Investigators are using a hybrid model, working in the office three days each week and utilizing the BSRB Telework Pilot two days each week. The BSRB filled an open Administrative Assistant position at the end of December. The BSRB was closed Wednesday, February 2, 2022, due to inclement weather, but most staff were still able to work remotely due to current technology.

**2. January Board Meeting.** The Executive Director provided updates from the Board meeting on January 10, 2022. The previous Board Governance Policy was last modified in 2011. In the fall, the Board recommended significant changes and the document has been replaced by two new documents: (1) an Expectations of Board Members Policy and (2) an Advisory Committee Policy. The Board discussed whether to pursue statutory changes to allow persons with more than one license to be able to renew their license at the same time. The Board was supportive of allowing syncing of the expiration date of multiple licenses, but not to make it a requirement. The BSRB will be working on proposed language to make this change.

**3. 2022 Legislative Session.** On January 11, 2022, the Governor provided the State of the State address. Legislation was requested on behalf of BSRB in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. The bill including the recommendations of the Board of the BSRB is Senate Bill 387. An announcement about the bill is on the BSRB website. The Executive Director provided a summary of the three items in the bill. The bill hearing

was in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 8:30am.

**4. Budget Update.** The Governor's recommendation for the agency's budget was the same amount as the BSRB's revised estimates in FY 2022 and FY 2023. The budget for the BSRB was approved by the House Budget Committee and was reported out of House Appropriations Committee favorably with no changes. The agency's budget was heard by the Senate Transparency and Ethics Committee on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, and is scheduled to be reported out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Friday, February 11, 2022.

**5. FARB Conference.** The Executive Director was invited to speak at the Federal Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas, on the topic of Public Protection Through Creative Access to Information. On Friday, February 4, 2022, the Executive Director attended Day 1 of the annual meeting of the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB). One of the topics discussed at the conference was telehealth standards. Day 2 of the annual meeting will be on February 18, 2022.

## Old Business

**1. "In Residence" Requirements.** Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, noted the statutes and regulations require a certain amount of education to be received "in-residence." Each of the professions under the BSRB defines this term differently. Recently, the agency received requests asking for "in-residence" requirements to be removed or decreased. For the Master's Level Psychology profession, the regulations require a certain number and type of hours to be completed "in-residence," however the regulation also uses the term "in-residence" requiring two semesters on the same campus. The Assistant Director noted that the campus requirement was an institutional requirement, rather than a BSRB requirement. The Executive Director noted that the "in-residence" language concerning consecutive semesters on campus could be confusing and the agency would recommend changing the terminology in the regulations to avoid confusion. The Advisory Committee recommended removing the word "residence" from that section of the regulation and recommended using the phrase "attended and completed by the student at the same college or university." The Chair of the Advisory Committee noted the importance of revising regulations as necessary and Advisory Committee members discussed the need to review and modify regulations, especially when considering changes in technology over the years. The Assistant Director explained the difference in definition of "in-residence" between the Master's Level Psychology profession and the Addiction Counselor profession, noting the Master's Level Psychology profession's definition requires core faculty, while the Addiction Counselor profession's definition is more broad and would allow adjunct faculty and other individuals to satisfy the criteria. Advisory Committee members discussed the value of face-to-face interactions in certain situations, also noting the value of being able to use non-campus locations for testing, especially the testing of children. Advisory Committee members noted experts could serve as adjunct faculty, so the Advisory Committee recommended changing the definition to allow adjunct faculty to be able to fulfil the requirements, rather than just core faculty. The Advisory Committee requested language be brought back to the Committee for review. The Advisory Committee recommended tabling discussion on whether to change the definition of "in-residence," as it relates to the in-person requirement.

## **New Business**

**1. Training for Board Members and Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided training to Board members and Advisory Committee members serving on the Advisory Committee, including an overview of the Expectations of Board Members Policy, the Advisory Committee Policy, Guidelines for Public Attendees of Meetings, and a summary of Board Member and Advisory Committee Orientation prepared by Assistant Attorney General Janet Arndt.

**2. Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.** The Executive Director noted Advisory Committee members received a copy of the unprofessional conduct regulations for the professions. The Executive Director asked members to review the regulations in preparation for the April Advisory Committee meeting, to be able to discuss whether any changes are necessary to the unprofessional conduct regulations, especially when considering social media and telehealth. The Executive Director noted that he is asking each of the Advisory Committees to review the unprofessional conduct regulations for their professions, in preparation for their next meetings.

**3. Future Business.** Advisory Committee members discussed a desire to discuss having Master's level clinicians administer and sign off on assessments in the State of Kansas.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from noon to 2pm

**Adjournment.** Kari Wold moved to adjourn the meeting and Donna Hoener-Queal seconded. The meeting was adjourned.