

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
SW Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Carolyn Szafran at 1:10 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Carolyn Szafran attended in person. Carl Myers, Marcia Simoneau and Hamilton Williams joined the meeting by phone.

Guests: Sky Westerlund – KNASW attended in person, Kristen Humphrey, Patty McGee and 6 social work students from Pittsburg State University joined the meeting by phone

Staff Present: Leslie Allen, Joan Hahn, Marilyn Revell

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting held on November 18, 2015. Carl moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports and update from BSRB Staff:

- Leslie stated that she emailed reciprocity stipulations to the committee. She asked the committee to respond only to her in an email.
- Max and Leslie worked on the language to update SB254 and to implement language supported by KNASW. The revisor is rewriting the bill and should have a replacement bill to present to BSRB sometime this week. Then it will be introduced by Senator Pilcher-Cook in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.
- Max is at a hearing today for SB 2451. It concerns mandated reporters of abuse and Max is petitioning to add Behavioral Analysts and Assistant Behavioral Analysts to the required professions.
- Max gave an agency overview of BSRB to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and he will give another report to the House Health and Human Services Committee in early March.
- The new BSRB website should be done and launched by the end of February 2016. Carolyn suggested posting pictures and bios of Board and Advisory Committee members on the website.
- On December 8, 2015, BSRB met with ASWB and DCF to partner on licensing concerns and to support the cause of child welfare workers. The program is called “pathways to licensure” and it has been in place with ASWB and universities in the past few years. This is the first time that ASWB, a state licensing board and a state agency have worked together on this program. No future meetings are planned with these three entities.
- Carl asked if there was a shortage of social workers for the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Marcia replied that DCF can hire social work applicants and they can be employed as special investigators but that DCF cannot put them in the field on their own until they pass the test and get their license with BSRB. While Carl expressed his sympathy with this issue, he doesn’t understand why the applicants are not ready to pass their test within the six months allowed on a temporary license. Carl asked if there are issues in the field with social worker then the educators need to be aware of this. Carolyn pointed out that within the “Pathways to Licensure” program, there are three different levels of tests with which university

instructors can use to train the students to take the tests. Sky said that the NASW has partnered with the “Pathways to Licensure” program. Upon BSRB approval of the social work application, the applicant has a handbook available on the ASWB website as well as practice tests online. Practice exams are available to universities with questions that have been retired from previous exams given. Sky asked what the national exam pass rate is. It was decided to table this discussion until the next advisory committee meeting.

Old Business:

1. **LSCSW Supervisor Training survey** – An Ad Hoc committee was formed to review the results of the survey and present the quantitative and qualitative answers to the whole committee. This subcommittee will make recommendations for supervision training requirements. The Ad Hoc committee is comprised of Carolyn, Marcia and Carl and Sheri. The subcommittee will meet on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 1 pm on a conference call. Carolyn will send out the data to the subcommittee in the next few days.
2. **Application for Clinical Training Plan** - Our website was already updated with the new form for the Application for Clinical Training Plan with citations referencing regulations. No new action was needed.
3. **SW Advisory Committee members** – It is necessary to select some new advisory committee members. Current committee members can nominate a social worker and the interested party may send a letter of interest and vitae to Max. Leslie can send out an email blast to a certain geographical area and a certain level of licensee. It was decided that the committee lacked social worker representation from the western two thirds of the state and also southeast Kansas. It was also recommended that LBSWs and LMSWs be contacted for representation on the committee.

New Business was discussed

1. Joan Hahn/North Carolina SW Certification and licensure board supervisor manual and possible template. Joan referred the committee to NC supervisor manual. The committee discussed the possibilities of coming up with a similar document for Kansas supervisors. Marcia and Carolyn gave approval for Leslie to present this idea to Jan Arndt for BSRB.

Adjournment/ Next Advisory Meeting:

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Carl moved to adjourn the meeting Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.