

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
SW Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Carolyn Szafran at 1:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Marcia Simoneau, Sharon Stuewe and Carolyn Szafran attended in person. Kathy Herzog, Sheri Hilger, and Carl Myers joined the meeting by phone.

Guests: Sky Westerlund – KNASW attended in person

Staff Present: Max Foster, Leslie Allen, Joan Hahn, Marilyn Revell

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting held on January 27, 2016. Minutes were approved.

Reports and update from BSRB Staff:

- Max reported on the status of SB449. On February 16, 2016, SB449 was heard in the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. It passed out of committee as amended: the supervisor training requirement for social work was eliminated, and an application with a prior felony conviction will now require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board to be approved. The following week, SB449 went to the floor of the Senate and had an amendment added to deny any privatization of the Larned and Osawatomie State Hospitals. The Senate passed SB449 and it went on to the House. On March 16, 2016, the House Health and Human Services heard the bill and passed it out of the committee with an added amendment suggested by KDADS. On March 21, 2016 the bill was heard on the floor of the House and passed with the amendment. At this time the bill is in Conference committee. Negotiations will renew when the legislature re-convenes.

BSRB has a new website that was launched in March. The new website address is www.ksbsrb.ks.gov

On 12-8-15, BSRB attended a meeting with DCF and ASWB concerning the “Pathways to Licensure Program”

Sky Westerlund stated that the link to the KNASW link from our website was a faulty link. She also suggested a link for LMSWs and LBSWs who are interested in also obtaining an Addiction Counselors license.

Old Business:

1. **LSCSW Supervisor Training** – The Social Work Advisory committee had worked on supervisor training requirements for 3 years prior to the Licensed Professional Counselors showing interest and then the Marriage and Family Therapists. Sharon confirmed that this issue has been documented as going back 15 years to create some kind of supervision training requirements and at least 8 years of seriously looking at the issue. The social work advisory committee has shown a long-standing interest in

professionalizing social work. Sheri reported that last week, Social Work PRN hosted a supervisory training clinic and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Joan shared that BSRB gets calls frequently asking for resources for training for clinical supervisors. The North Carolina Social Work Board has a “supervisor manual” on its website that could work as a possible template for Kansas. Carolyn asked if the committee was willing to create our own Kansas “supervisor manual”. Sharon, Carl, Sheri and Carolyn will form a subcommittee to work on this manual. Sky asked if the committee would like KNASW input and they all agreed the committee would like that input at the next committee meeting. Carolyn pointed out that Virginia and West Virginia both have similar manuals that could be consulted.

2. **People identifying themselves as social workers without being licensed** – Sky asked how we handle this? Max said that he would ask for Jan Arndt’s input to see if we can send out an informational letter to people who are not licensed but identify themselves as a social worker. This letter would be signed by Max Foster, Executive Director. The term “Social Worker” is a protected term as one who is licensed.
3. **Application through reciprocity** - Leslie will again send out to the committee the instructions for application through reciprocity for the LSCSW license. She needs feedback from the committee.
4. **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

Course requirements for LSCSW – Currently the 15 hours of coursework, 3 hours which is required in psychopathology, is not required prior to training plan approval.

Adjournment/ Next Advisory Meeting:

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.