

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
SW Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
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: Carolyn Szafran attended in person. Marcia Simoneau, Sherri Hilger, Hamilton Williams and Carl Myers joined the meeting by phone.

Guest: Sky Westerlund - KNASW

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting held on February 12, 2015. Marcia moved to approve the minutes as read. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports and update from BSRB Director:

1. Max reported that SB254 had a hearing in the Senate Ways and Means Committee last Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, the chair of the Committee decided not to work the bill (SB 254) this legislative session. Carolyn asked if refinements could be made on SB 254 between now and next legislative session? And could we get the various professional associations involved with that process? Max said that yes, of course, the stakeholders could be contacted to get more input and cohesion on this bill. Max reported that the American Psychiatric Association, the Kansas Psychiatric Association, the Legal Counsel for the KNASW and the Chair of the KNASW presented opposition statements of SB 254. Carl added that if the legislators see a non-concensus in a bill then they tend to run from that legislation. Max said that he planned to have conversations with the Board and various groups in the upcoming months.
2. The Governor-proposed fee fund sweep increase from 10% to 20% has not been adopted at this time. This action, if accepted, will have an impact on the BSRB plan to reduce fees for licensees.
3. HB 2744 – Max stated that by July 1, 2016 we have to have the regulations in process (draft form).
4. The update to the new BSRB website has been put on hold due to the staff shortage right now. Carolyn asked that the current website be updated with her name added to the Board member list.

Old Business:

1. LSCSW Supervisor Training for supervision of clinical applicants was discussed. Carolyn suggested just holding on to the survey until next year, possibly January 2016, to continue this process.
2. The LBSW issue of working in private practice and consulting will be discussed after SB 254 is in effect.

3. Telemental health sub-committee actions were presented by Marcia. There will be a webpage focused on each profession concerning “telemental health” on our new website. Each profession is now reviewing the questions for their profession. The committee is working to simplify each profession’s questions for both the professionals and the consumers. Sky shared that the ASWB was working on telemental health (digital) standards. Carolyn will check on the ASWB website for any progress with those standards. Marcia will email KVC to see if that agency is using telemental health.
4. Carolyn asked how professionals can know if the CEU workshops have been pre-approved by BSRB? The professional can check with the agency offering the workshop. Leslie asked if we could send out an email blast to social workers to let them know that the Mark Holbrook Safety Training is NOT approved? Max suggested that we check with Jan Arndt about this. Sky said that when she gets calls at the chapter office about CEUs and if the CEUs have to be approved she tells the licensee that if the CEUs are taken in good faith and they are not accepted by the BSRB Staff during an audit, the staff will work with the licensee to correct the situation.
5. Carolyn shared with the committee that Leslie and Joan had visited with the students at Washburn getting ready to graduate with either a BSW or MSW. Sky asked about the packet of information that used to be sent to newly licensed social workers. Leslie assured her that she is working on putting together a packet again and asked Sky for her help to do that.

New Business:

1. No New Business
2. Next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Carl moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m. and Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.