

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Board Minutes
January 11, 2021**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 10:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call.

Board Members. Members present by Zoom: David Anderson, Mary Jones, Jacqueline Lightcap, Johnna Norton, Bruce Nystrom, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Leslie Sewester, Danielle Johnson, Deb Stidham, Ric Steele and Carolyn Szafran. Member present by phone: Laura Shaughnessy.

II. BSRB Staff. Staff present by Zoom: David Fye, Leslie Allen, Cindy D’Ercole, Janet Arndt, Laine Barnard and Ashley VanBuskirk.

III. Guests.

IV. Agenda Approval. Deb Stidham would like to amend the agenda by deleting approval of minutes for November as they were already approved in previous meeting and December as they are not quite ready. Danielle Johnson motioned to approve agenda as amended. Jacqueline Lightcap seconded. The motion passed.

V. Public Comments. None.

VI. Executive Director Reports.

- Max Foster retired on Friday after almost 8 years of service with the Board.
- The Board now has a YouTube channel due to a breach in a previous meeting.
- The Board has received quite a few temporary out-of-state permit requests for the year 2021.
- Will do yearly evaluations with staff. Will also work on getting an updated office manual.
- Will be looking into replacing computers and office equipment during the year.
- Legislative session is beginning. Will be keeping an eye on anything that may pertain to our agency.

VII. Staff Reports. None.

VIII. Complaint Review Committee Report. The Complaint Review Committee met in December. Bruce gave a brief report on the number of violations we have received. Have had a spike in complaints recently.

IX. Complaint Review Committee Report. The Complaint Review Committee met in October. Bruce gave a brief report on the number of violations we have received. The cases started to fall off a little bit for December.

X. Professions Reports.

- A. Psychology.** None.
- B. Social Work.** None.
- C. Professional Counseling.** None.
- D. Master’s Level Psychology.** None.
- E. Marriage and Family Therapy.** None.
- F. Addiction Counseling.** None.
- G. Behavior Analysis.** None.

XI. Old Business.

- Temporary Permit Language Changes. David Fye gave a brief report on the changes:
 - o Increase the number of in-state days of practice from 15 days to 30 days;
 - o Change the end date from December 31 of the year in which it was approved, to one year after approval;
 - o Require individuals requesting a temporary permit to have practiced two years prior in their current jurisdiction;
 - o Clarify an individual may request a temporary out-of-state permit be extended for one additional 12-month time period, with 30 additional days of in-state practice, under emergency circumstances and for an additional fee; and
 - o Add language requiring quarterly reports for accountability.

Ric Steele motioned to approve the language as discussed Leslie Sewester seconded. The motion passed.

- Carolyn Szafran requested to include board-approved supervisor training requirement for social workers in the 2021 Legislation.

The language refers to charging a fee and the fee shall be in the fee statute. The same language is in the current board-approved supervisor statutes of professional counselors and marriage and family therapists. After discussion, it was determined that all three fee statutes would be opened to add a \$50 fee cap for board-approved supervisor applications. In section (c)(3)(A) add “, or the academic equivalent” after the words, semester hours.

Andrea Perdomo-Morales motioned to approve as amended in discussion, above. Carolyn Szafran seconded. Danielle Johnson abstained due to internet issues and missing part of the conversation. The motion passed.

XII. New Business.

- Education Requirements – “In Residence”. Leslie Allen presented information regarding the increase of applicants whose degrees are obtained from online universities. These applicants often do not meet the requirement for licensure in Kansas. The Board asked that staff send an invitation to Kansas universities to provide public comment for their thoughts regarding any move away from the “in residence” requirements.

- Provider Disclosure Statutes and Regulations. David Anderson spoke about provider disclosure and if this is necessary to keep in statutes and regulations. There was discussion on this topic. Will do additional research and bring back to March Board meeting.
- Clinical Supervision Frequency. The board discussed the possible language for the frequency of supervision and the length of each supervision sessions. This was tabled and will be put on the agenda for the March meeting. Staff will bring back information to the board regarding the supervision requirements from surrounding states.
- Roles of Advisory Committee Members. Discussed having a training on the roles of the Advisory Committees with the Board. Will provide this training at each Advisory Committee upcoming meeting.

XIII. Adjourn. David Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Szafran seconded. The motion passed.

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