

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Richard Nobles, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- Committee Members.** Richard Nobles, Linda Heitzman-Powell, David Stevens, Abby Callis, Mark Goodman, Matthew Guelker, Jessica Hamilton, Edward Hunter, Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Kirk, Rodney McNeal, Jay Middleton and Doug Wright were present via Zoom.
- BSRB Staff.** David Fye and Leslie Allen were present via Zoom.
- II. Agenda Approval.** Doug Wright moved to approve the agenda as written. Abby Callis seconded.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meetings on December 12, 2023.** Jessica Hamilton moved to approve the minutes. Linda Heitzman-Powell seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB) provided a report on agency activities, actions from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.
- V. Update on PSYPACT Commission.** Currently there are 94 individuals practicing under PSYPACT. There are 8 people that are practicing under limited days. The Executive Director highlighted items from the 2023 PSYPACT Commission newsletter for the Advisory Committee.
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Discussion of Possible Changes to Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.** The Executive Director previously asked all the Advisory Committees to review the unprofessional conduct regulations for their profession and to recommend appropriate changes to be forwarded to the Board. In addition to the previous changes recommended by the Advisory Committee, no recommendations included:
- a. The Advisory Committee unanimously recommended changing the language of K.A.R 102-1-10a (f)(3) to reference “*engaging in behavior that is abusive, demeaning or discriminatory to a client, student, or supervisee based on factor that may include but are not limited to age, gender, gender identity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, health status, relationship status, or status in any other marginalized group*” so this language will be sent to the Board for consideration.

- b. Advisory Committee members unanimously agreed to recommend regulatory language on the topic of telehealth, which would state *“If engaged in distance-services, failing to fulfill these requirements:*
 - (1) Informing the client of risks and benefits of distance counseling,*
 - (2) Disclosing the possibility of technology failure and providing alternative methods of service.*
 - (3) Detailing emergency procedures to follow when the counselor is unavailable; and*
 - (4) Taking appropriate steps to encrypt or ensure the security of confidential client information or any activity which protects confidential client information from risk of privacy breach.”* These recommended changes will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.
- c. Advisory Committee members discussed possible new language on social media. The Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adding language *“When using social media, Psychologists should maintain professional boundaries and behaviors with client including but not limited to confidentiality, security, and dual roles”* to item 4 and for this language to be sent to the Board for consideration.
- d. The Advisory Committee discussed the unprofessional conduct regulation prohibiting sexual contact with a former client within 24 months and recommended adjusting this standard to *“never.”* This recommended change will be presented to the Board for consideration.

B. Continued Discussion on Continuing Education Regulation and Draft for New Regulation for Documentation for Continuing Education. Advisory Committee members reviewed and discussed K.A.R. 102-1-15. It was noted that the 50-hour requirement for continuing education hours every two-year license period is one of the highest standards and the majority of states have a lower total, around 40 hours every two-year license period. Advisory Committee members recommended moving from 50 hours to 40 total hours. The Advisory Committee will continue discussion on the draft regulation for documentation of continuing education at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Review of K.A.R. 102-1-12 Educational Requirements. Each Advisory Committee has been asked to review the regulation on educational requirements for licensure for their profession and to recommend appropriate changes. Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

B. Possible Survey for Licensed Psychologists. The Executive Director discussed working with the Social Work Advisory Committee to create a survey for social workers, which provided helpful data from licensees on their license examination, interest in a multi-state compact, supervision in general, the transition from mostly in-person supervision to remote supervision, and continuing education. The Executive Director noted the BSRB has the ability to assist each of the Advisory Committees with a similar survey, if there is interest in surveying psychologists in Kansas. The

Advisory Committee members will review the report from the survey of social workers (which is posted on the BSRB website) and will consider questions for a plan to have a discussion on possible survey questions at a future meeting.

C. Additional Discussion Topics for FY 2024. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

VIII. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6 pm.

IX. Adjournment. Mark Goodman moved to Adjourn. Jessica Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.