

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting
April 3, 2024**

DRAFT Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 1:00 p.m.

Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Members. Advisory Committee Members who participated by Zoom or phone were David Anderson, David Stevens, Travis Hamrick, Rebecca Jabara, Lauren Lucht, Iris Pauly, Robert Pedroza, Jennifer Schreiner, and Joshua Tanguay, and Kari Wold. Bruce Johnson was absent.

BSRB Staff. BSRB staff members who participated by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.

- II. Approval of the Agenda.** Travis Hamrick moved to approve the agenda. Lauren Lucht seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Advisory Committee Meeting on February 7, 2024.** Kari Wold moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on February 7, 2024. Travis Hamrick seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** The Executive Director for the BSRB reported on agency operations, legislative updates, recent Board meetings, and upcoming meetings. Notably, the BSRB is getting a new website that is expected to launch in the first week of May.
- V. Old Business.**
- A. Discussion on Applicants for Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist (LCP) License Taking the EPPP Prior to Completion of 3,000 Hours of Experience.**
- After meeting with different Kansas schools and employers of mental health professionals, much feedback centered around concerns of how long people working towards their LCP must wait to take the EPPP if they did not score 500 or above when they first took the examination. ASPPB informed the Executive Director of the BSRB that the EPPP should not be taken prior to either degree conferral or the completion of foundational coursework excluding practicum, dissertation, and internship. Besides that, ASPPB leaves it up to each state to decide when individuals can be authorized to take the EPPP early. Currently, individuals are only allowed to take the EPPP to attempt a higher score if they have an active LCP application. The Advisory Committee recommended allowing people to take the EPPP early if they are actively working towards their 3,000 hours. The Assistant Director of the BSRB expressed that there are people in PhD programs who apply for master's level licensure who should also be accounted

for. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended forwarding a recommendation to the Board for increased flexibility in taking the EPPP prior to completion of 3,000 hours.

- B. Continued Review of K.A.R. 102-4-3a Education Regulation for Possible Edits.** The Executive Director noted that each profession has been asked to review the regulation on educational requirements for licensure, to see if program and coursework requirement should be updated. The Assistant Director and Licensing Manager noted that even if a program meets standards in regulation, applicants will still need to meet coursework requirements. The Advisory Committee will continue to review this regulation at a future meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion on Jurisprudence Examinations.** Some states require the passage of a jurisprudence examination as a condition of licensure. The examination is intended to ensure that licensees are familiar with the expectations, laws, and requirements as a professional in a particular state. For some professions, about 40 percent of states require a jurisprudence examination. Jurisprudence examinations ensure both that professionals are aware of laws and that members of the public are protected. The Executive Director of the BSRB noted adding requirements to licensure is likely to face opposition, but shared a proposal by which the BSRB could create a free one-hour webinar that would go through jurisprudence-related questions and answers and offer this approach to jurisprudence as a free continuing education hour if completed. Advisory Committee members expressed support for this concept and noted this method could also benefit students to take, so the Executive Director noted he would explore whether it would be feasible to offer this to students as well as licensees.
- B. Discussion on Possible Survey for Licensees.** If the Advisory Committee is interested in developing a survey for licensed LMLPs and LCPs, the next step would be to discuss topics and questions of interest. The Social Work Advisory Committee recently did this and received over 2,700 responses out of 8,288 surveys that were sent out. One topic of interest was areas of interest in the field. The Executive Director would distribute the questions included on the social work survey so Advisory Committee members could discuss possible survey questions at the next meeting.
- C. Discussion on Possible Survey for Educators.** The Advisory Committee expressed support for designing a survey for educators on possible changes to curriculum and subject areas, to determine whether the BSRB was still requiring coursework and including program requirements that were still the most appropriate given changes in the field over time. The Advisory Committee will create questions for a survey at a future meeting.
- D. Advisory Committee Membership.** Travis Hamrick will not be returning after his current term has ended. Once his term is up, there will be eight non-Board members on the Advisory Committee and there can be up to 10. The Advisory Committee was interested in adding one or two new members. The Executive

Director is going to send out a message to all licensed LMLPs and LCPs who could nominate themselves and provide a resume or CV, as well as a letter of interest. The Executive Director will then provide that information to Advisory Committee members for an open discussion about candidates at the June meeting. The Executive Director reminded Advisory Committee members to be conscientious about potential conflicts of interest during this process.

- E. Other Topics for 2024.** The Advisory Committee will discuss this topic at a future meeting.

- VII. Possible Additional Agenda Items.** None.

- VIII. Next Meeting:** June 5, 2024 at 1pm over Zoom.

- IX. Adjournment.** Kari Wold moved to adjourn the meeting. Travis Hamrick seconded. The meeting was adjourned.