

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 9, 2024**

APPROVED MINUTES

- I. Call to order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel at 10am.
- Social Work Advisory Committee Members.** Advisory Committee members present by Zoom included: Sarah Berens, Mike Gillett, Lee Ann Gingery, Jane Holzrichter, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Catherine Rech, Eric Schoenecker, and Robin Unruh. Donna Hoener-Queal, Mary Gill, Angi Heller-Workman, and Catherine Rech were absent.
- BSRB Staff Members** present by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- II. Agenda Approval.** Lee Ann Gingery moved to approve the agenda. Mike Gillett seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on February 13, 2024.** Lee Ann Gingery motion to approve the minutes. Andrea Perdomo-Morales seconded. Minutes approved.
- IV. Executive Director Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided updates on agency operations, legislative items of interest, and updates from the most recent Board meeting.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Continued Review of Results from 2024 Survey of Social Workers.** The Executive Director reviewed the 2024 Survey of Social Workers with the members of the Advisory Committee. Advisory Committee members asked questions reviewed responses on the survey, including licensee input on a licensing examination, supervision, continuing education, and other topics. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended lowering the total required number of continuing education hours for each two-year license renewal period from 40 hours to 30 hours, which was supported by the responses in the survey.
- B. Discussion on Possible Changes to K.A.R. 102-2-6 Program Approval.** Some professions require the person chairing or directing a program to have a doctorate in that field or a related field; however, the regulation states that a person directing the social work program may hold either a bachelor's or graduate level social work degree. The Advisory Committee will continue to review this regulation at a future meeting.
- VI. New Business**
- A. Advisory Committee Membership.** The Executive Director noted that two Advisory Committee members are approaching the end of their fourth term on the Advisory Committee and will need to come off the Advisory Committee after June 30, 2024. When this occurs, there will be 7 non-Board members on the Advisory Committee. Advisory Committee members expressed support for the Executive Director sending a message to all social work permanent licensees to determine if any are interested in nominating themselves for consideration. Applicants will be directed to send a letter of interest and a resume or CV to the Executive Director. Once collected, the information will be provided to the Advisory Committee members for review. This will allow, at a future meeting, the Advisory Committee to discuss the candidates to narrow down the list, and ultimately make a recommendation on new members. Recommended candidates will be sent to the Chair of the Board, who would have the authority to appoint a new member to the Advisory Committee.

- B. Discussion on Jurisprudence Examination.** The Board wants to protect the public and assist licensees by decreasing complaints and violations of the statutes and regulations for the professions. Some states require a jurisprudence examination to make sure individual licensees are familiar with and knowledgeable about the laws in a certain state before practicing in that state. Kansas does not require a jurisprudence examination for the different professions under BSRB; however, some Board members have had conversations about how this examination could be helpful in potentially reducing the number of complaints or violations that need further investigation. Research has been conducted to see what models are used in different states, some states do require the examination as a condition of licensure. Some states have companies who will set up the jurisprudence examination for them, which would require a fee to be paid to that company by applicants. Other models are set up so that the Board has a contract with a company to develop more of a learning tool with a certain number of questions, but if questions were answered wrong, they would allow replacement questions. The BSRB would like to provide jurisprudence education to licensees and applicants as a service without a fee, but through a webinar format, which would also allow licensees to sign up voluntarily. As an incentive, BSRB would offer this for one hour of continuing education with no charge. The examination would have licensees log in with their name and license number and their attendance would be tracked as the questions are gone through live. The proposal is for this to occur quarterly. By consensus, Advisory Committee members expressed support for this new approach to a jurisprudence exam and that support will be communicated to the Board.
- C. Review and Update BSRB Social Work Supervision Manual.** A small number of Advisory Committee members volunteered to discuss proposed changes and bring those back to a future meeting to work on updates to the Supervision Manual.
- D. Review and Discussion on ASWB Model Social Work Practice Act.** Later this year, the Advisory Committee will be asked to compare the ASWB Model Practice Act to the statutes for the profession, to clarify if any additions are needed. Members agreed to break the document, read pages 1-20, and to be ready to discuss at a future meeting.
- E. Other Topics for 2024.** Advisory Committee members expressed support for further discussion on 2024 Senate Bill 233. Also, ASWB has launched a census for the social work community and Advisory Committee members were encouraged to respond to their census.

VII. Next Meetings: The next meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 10am.

VIII. Adjournment. Cynthia Schendel moved to adjourn. Jane Holzrichter Seconded. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned.