

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 3, 2024**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Laura Shaughnessy, Chair of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting and called roll.
- Advisory Committee Members:** Advisory Committee members who participated by Zoom were Laura Shaughnessy, Jim Kilmartin, Harriet Bachner, Melissa Briggs, Michael Countryman, Bob Kircher, Vanessa Perez, Andrew Secor and Edil Torres-Rivera. Acha Goris was absent.
- BSRB Staff:** David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.
- II. Agenda Approval.** Andrew Secor moved to approve the agenda. Jim Kilmartin seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on April 1, 2024.** Michael Countryman moved to approve the minutes from April 1, 2024. Bob Kircher seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director’s Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) provided updates on agency operations, actions from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.
- V. Updates on Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact.** The Executive Director noted that one more state joined the multi-state compact. There are now close to 40 states in the compact.
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Questionnaire for Professional Counseling.** The Executive Director discussed a potential survey being sent out to licensees that is similar to a questionnaire developed by the BSRB and sent to social workers. Advisory Committee members discussed possible questions and expressed support for obtaining information on licensees and any possible issues or potential changes the Advisory Committee could recommend in the future.
 - B. Continued Discussion on Board-Approved Supervisors.** The Executive Director noted that Board-Approved Supervisors were recently sent an email to determine if they were still providing supervision or if they were willing to take on more supervisees. Around half of the approved supervisors, over 100 individuals, responded that they are willing to take on new supervisees if needed.
 - C. Continued Review of K.A.R. 102-3-3a and Consideration of Possible Changes.** Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, noted she will gather information on requirements for professional counseling

licensure from other states and bring it back for the Advisory Committee to review a future meeting for comparison to the requirements in Kansas. The Advisory Committee will continue this discussion at a future meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. Advisory Committee Membership.** The Advisory Committee discussed applicants for the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee recommended Mahsa Maghsoudi, Amanda Wade and Samantha Holloway be added to the Advisory Committee. The Chair of the Board has authority to appoint individuals to the Advisory Committees, so these names will be provided to the Chair of the Board for review and the first opportunity for appointments to the Advisory Committee will be at the next Board meeting in July 2024.
- B. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** The Executive Director noted that other state agencies in Kansas, and similar agencies in other states, are beginning to discuss how the regulatory boards can be helpful in regulating the use of artificial intelligence by practitioners. The Board asked each of the Advisory Committees to begin the conversation on this topic and refer any recommendations back to the Board. The Advisory Committee will discuss this topic in more detail at a future meeting.
- C. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions.** The Executive Director stated the Board would like additional text to be added to the BSRB website, describing the professions regulated by the Board in more detail, to assist members of the public in understanding the differences between the professions. To assist in this process, the Advisory Committees have been asked to create draft language to be reviewed by the Board. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.
- D. Additional Topics for 2024.** None at this time.

VIII. Special Recognition of Outgoing Advisory Committee Member Acha Goris. The Chair and Executive Director thanked outgoing Advisory Committee member Acha Goris for his service on the Advisory Committee, as he did not seek reappointment to the Advisory Committee due to time zone complications after moving overseas.

IX. Next Meeting. Monday, August 5, 2024, at 10 a.m.

X. Adjournment. Jim Kilmartin moved to adjourn. Vanessa Perez seconded. The motion passed.