

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 12, 2024**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

- II. Approval of the Agenda.** Kari Wold moved to approve the agenda. David Stevens seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Advisory Committee Meeting on April 3, 2024.** Kari Wold moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on April 3, 2024. David Stevens seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency operations, legislative updates, recent Board meetings, and upcoming meetings. He also informed the Advisory Committee that the Board changed the Advisory Committee Policy to allow former Advisory Committee members, who had served four terms on the Advisory Committee, the opportunity to apply for reappointment for four additional terms, after at least a two-year gap in service.
- V. Old Business.**
- A. Continued Review of K.A.R. 102-4-3a Education Regulation for Possible Edits.** The Advisory Committee discussed applications for master's level psychology license from individuals who received their education primarily in school psychology. Currently, educational requirements are rather broad, which has led to certain applicants being approved for licensure, if they meet other educational requirements. However, some applicants did not satisfy the practicum requirement, so they must complete 1,500 post-graduate supervised hours under a temporary license before they can be eligible for permanent licensure. The Advisory Committee Chair expressed concern, noting that the curriculum for clinical and school psychology are quite different. Concerns were raised about whether specifying the need for clinical or counseling psychology degrees would limit new licensees into the field. The Assistant Director will speak to legal

counsel for the Board concerning the relevant statutes and regulations. This topic was tabled until the input from legal counsel can be brought back to the Advisory Committee.

VI. New Business

- A. Advisory Committee Membership.** At the last meeting, the Advisory Committee requested the Executive Director send a message to licensees to see who was interested in being considered for Advisory Committee membership. Four individuals provided documentation for consideration. The Advisory Committee discussed applicants for Advisory Committee membership. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended adding Ginger Hill and Sarah McMillen to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director will present the names of those individuals to the Chair of the Board for consideration to be appointed to the Advisory Committee.
- B. Discussion on APA Accreditation of Master's Level Psychology Programs.** Recently, the American Psychological Association (APA) put out accreditation standards for Health Services Psychology, and they have begun to review a number of master's level psychology programs for accreditation. At this point, the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is attempting to create a proposed set of model licensing requirements that could bring uniformity to the profession, but it was noted that states would not be required to follow these model requirements. Some proposed requirements would be difficult for Kansas to implement. For example, ASPPB has discussed having the passing score for the EPPP be 450, whereas it is only 400 in Kansas for master's level psychology licensees. This topic will remain on the agenda for continued discussion as more information becomes available.
- C. Discussion on Possible Survey for Licensees.** The Executive Director for the BSRB shared possible topics for a possible survey. The following items were noted as possible questions/topics of interest:
- i. Experiences with telehealth;
 - ii. Whether people were/are having difficulty finding supervisors;
 - iii. Work environments;
 - iv. Percentages of licensees' work in person versus remote;
 - v. Artificial intelligence; and
 - vi. Other areas licensees would recommend the Advisory Committee research, review, and discuss.

The Executive Director will draft possible questions and bring them back to the August meeting for further discussion and adjustments.

- D. Discussion on Possible Survey for Educators.** The following items were noted as possible questions/topics of interest:
- i. Whether educators feel that the current coursework required by the BSRB is up-to-date and whether the subject-matter is relevant to prepare master's level psychologists to meet the needs of clients served by the profession;

- ii. Whether there are any additional/substitute topics that should be required that is outside of the current education requirements for licensure; and
- iii. Whether universities plan to seek APA accreditation for their master's level psychology programs.

E. Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. The Executive Director noted the Board asked each of the Advisory Committees to discuss the role of artificial intelligence as it relates to the mental health professions and to consider possible recommendations to make back to the Board to protect the public. Advisory Committee members emphasized the importance of getting patient consent when AI is to used. Other issues included:

- i. AI tools working their way into professional practice;
- ii. AI platforms not tied to practitioners; and
- iii. Confidentiality and disclosure.

This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion. The Executive Director is going to take note of other Advisory Committees' comments on this matter and share that information at the next meeting.

F. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions. The Executive Director noted the Board asked Advisory Committees to discuss this topic and make recommendations on possible language back to the Board. There may be a lack of clarity for members of the public regarding differences between the seven professions that the BSRB regulates. Between now and the next meeting, the Executive Director asked that Advisory Committee members think about language that describes the master's level psychology profession so discussion on this topic can be continued at a future meeting.

G. Information on New BSRB Website. The Executive Director for the BSRB asked Advisory Committee members to inform him if they notice any issues or have any thoughts/feedback about the new BSRB website.

VII. Possible Additional Agenda Items. Travis Hamrick is not seeking reappointment to the Advisory Committee, so his term ends at the end of June 30, 2024. The Advisory Committee thanked Mr. Hamrick for his time served on the Advisory Committee.

VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1pm over Zoom.

IX. Adjournment. David Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Kari Wold seconded. The meeting was adjourned.