

**KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD  
BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 14, 2024**

**Approved Minutes**

- I. Call to Order.** Linda Heitzman-Powell, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 1p.m.

**Committee Members.** Linda Heitzman-Powell, Jacqueline Lightcap, Allyson Bell, Pamela Neidert, Christine Marie Stiehl, Mike Williams, and Alice Zhang were present by Zoom. Kelley Harrison, Emily Kessler, and Stephanie Willey were absent.

**BSRB Staff.** David Fye and Leslie Allen attended by Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Pamela Neidert moved to approve the agenda. Alice Zhang seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Approval of Minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting on April 1, 2024.** Pamela Neidert moved to approve the minutes. Christine Marie Stiehl seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency operations, recent Board meetings, legislative updates, and other upcoming meetings. The Executive Director for the BSRB also informed the Advisory Committee of the new BSRB website, the finalized agreement with CE Broker, and the new rules concerning Advisory Committee membership and how long individuals can serve on committees.

The Executive Director informed the Advisory Committee that several states require passage of a jurisprudence examination as a requirement for licensure for certain mental health professions. These examinations contain state-specific information on topics like scope of practice, statutory requirements, unprofessional conduct, and other laws and regulations pertaining to a specific profession. Kansas does not currently require passage of a jurisprudence examination for any of the professions regulated by the BSRB. A current issue is that jurisprudence examinations can be expensive, and the BSRB does not want to require applicants to pay another fee associated with licensure. Instead of making the examination a requirement, the BSRB is proposing a new type of jurisprudence process where a free webinar will be created and offered by the BSRB, which will highlight information that would be in a jurisprudence examination. Individuals who participate in the webinar would get one hour of continuing education upon completion. Advisory Committee members expressed strong support for this proposal. The Executive Director for the BSRB communicate the feedback from the Advisory Committee to the Board.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Continued Discussion on Possible Survey for Behavior Analysts.** The Executive Director for the BSRB provided the Advisory Committee with draft questions that other committees have developed. Questions/topics of interest included:

- i.** Interest in membership in a possible multi-state compact;
- ii.** Number of licensees licensed in another state; and
- iii.** Demographics, supervision, and disciplinary matters.

Advisory Committee members will draft questions and bring them to the next meeting.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Advisory Committee Membership.** At the previous Advisory Committee meeting, the Executive Director was asked to send a message to all licensees, to collect interest in individuals being added to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director noted clerical staff was directed to e-mail a message to all LaBAs and LBAs regarding Advisory Committee membership, but the BSRB received no responses. There was concern that a technical issue may have prevented the message from being sent, so the Advisory Committee asked that the message be resent to all LaBAs and all LBAs. Once the message is sent, Allyson Bell volunteered to post the message on Grassroots.

**B. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** The Executive Director noted all Advisory Committees were asked to begin a discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and make recommendations back to the Board on ways the Board could protect the public. An issue with AI is ensuring that patient privacy is protected. Advisory Committee members expressed the importance of educating the public on what AI can and cannot do. Advisory Committee members suggested including this topic in the survey, including asking whether licensees use any form of AI for their practice. This topic will be left on the agenda for further discussion.

**C. 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 each Advisory Committee to discuss this topic. In the interest of the public, adding descriptions of each profession provides clarity. The Advisory Committee Chair asked members to draft a few sentences that may be used to explain the Behavior Analysis profession and bring them to the next Advisory Committee meeting.

**D. Discussion Topics for 2024.** Discussion topics for 2024 include:

- i.** Continued development of the survey to be sent out to all licensees;
- ii.** Artificial intelligence; and
- iii.** The potential development of a multi-state compact.

**VII. Additional Agenda Items.** Public Board member Jacqueline Lightcap's term on the Board is ending and she is not seeking reappointment for a second term. The Chair and Executive Director thanked Ms. Lightcap for her serve on the Advisory Committee.

**VIII. Next Meeting.** Friday, August 9, 2024, at 1pm over Zoom.

**IX. Adjournment.** The meeting ended.