

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 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: Donna Hoener-Queal, Mary Gill, Raymond Gillett, Jane Holzrichter, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Catherine Rech, Eric Schoenecker, Angi Heller-Workman, and Robin Unruh. Also, Sarah Barens, and LeeAnn Gingery were absent.
- BSRB Staff Members** present by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- II. Agenda Approval.** Jane Holzrichter moved to approve the agenda. Eric Schoenecker and Andrea Perdomo-Morales seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on April 9, 2024.** Donna Hoener-Queal moved to approve the minutes. Eric Schoenecker seconded. The minutes were 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 expressed a desire to continue to work on the topic of supervision to find solutions to issues identified in the report.
- VI. New Business**
- A. Advisory Committee Membership.** Following the last Advisory Committee meeting, the Executive Director sent a message to all social work permanent licensees, noting the Advisory Committee sought to consider applicants for positions on the Advisory Committee and informed individuals to provide a letter of interest and resume or CV for consideration. 15 licensees submitted materials. Advisory Committee members discussed candidates and voted to recommend Jasmine Cohen-Young, Yelando Johnson, and Christy Sanders as new members of the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director will provide the list of names to the Chair of the Board for review. If no additional information is requested, the Chair may appoint these individuals to the Advisory Committee at the next regular Board meeting on July 8, 2024.
- B. Review and Update BSRB Social Work Supervision Manual.** Several years ago, staff of the BSRB worked with the members of the Social Work Advisory Committee to create a manual on the topic of supervision, as an aid to applicants for clinical licensure and supervisors. This document provides helpful information to individuals, but needs to be updated. Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel will be speaking to a few volunteers from the Advisory Committee to collect ideas on improvements and updates and will report back to the Advisory Committee.
- C. Review and Discussion on ASWB Model Social Work Practice Act.** The Executive Director shared a Model Social Work Practice Act that was created by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). It was noted that this document could be helpful, to compare to the statutes for

the social work profession, to see if any areas could be improved. Advisory Committee members were asked to review the first 20 pages of the document in preparation for discussion at the next Advisory Committee meeting in August 2024.

D. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. The Executive Director noted the Board is considering how to approach the topic of regulating artificial intelligence and decided to refer the topic to the Advisory Committees to discuss. Advisory Committee members noted individuals may be using this tool to create chat boxes on website or applications that may be providing services for mental health. The BSRB statutes and regulations were developed from a perspective of a person providing these services, which creates some difficulty in approaching this topic. The unprofessional conduct regulation references persons who are applicants or licensees, so the Advisory Committee was asked how the BSRB could handle a possible situation where there is a complaint regarding an application providing social work services, or providing diagnosis and treatment recommendations, or providing instructions that could be harmful. Also, future discussions need to be had to provide guidance to practitioners on using artificial intelligence regarding confidentiality, disclosures, and informing clients when this tool is being used. It was noted that Advisory Committee members believed use of artificial intelligence by practitioners was only going to increase; however, Advisory Committee members expressed agreement that all practitioners, or at least those providing services, should be highly aware of the tools they are using and provide clients with specific consent. The Advisory Committee will continue this conversation at a future meeting.

E. Discussion on Adding a Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions. The Executive Director noted this item was referred by the Board to the Advisory Committees to help the public differentiate between these professions and different levels with education or licensing. Advisory Committee members discussed creating a small description for each profession and how each is different from the other professions. The Advisory Committee will continue discussion on this item at the next meeting.

F. Other Topics for 2024. None.

VII. Next Meetings: The next meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 10am.

VIII. Adjournment. Co-Chair Andrea Perdomo-Morales moved to adjourn. Mary Gill seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.