

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 5, 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, Harriet Bachner, Melissa Briggs, Michael Countryman, Samantha Holloway, Bob Kircher, Vanessa Perez, Edil Torres-Rivera and Amanda Wade. Jim Kilmartin, Mahsa Maghsoudi and Andrew Secor were absent.

BSRB Staff: David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Michael Countryman moved to approve the agenda. Harriet Bachner seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Welcome New Advisory Committee Members.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee welcomed new members Amanda Wade and Samantha Holloway. Mahsa Maghsoudi was unable to attend the meeting, but the Advisory Committee looks forward to meeting her at the next meeting.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on June 3, 2024.** Bob Kircher moved to approve the minutes from June 3, 2024. Vanessa Perez seconded. The motion passed.
- V. Discussion on Counseling Regulatory Boards Summit, June 26-28, 2024.** The Executive Director provided a brief summary of topics and discussion at the conference. Some of the main topics featured at the conference included workforce development, workforce expansion, innovations in licensure including discussion on artificial intelligence, supervision, and updates from the Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact.
- VI. 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.
- VII. Updates on Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact.** The Chair and the Executive Director provided updates on the Multi-State Compact, noting that the Compact Commission was working on the data system for the compact and they anticipated that the operational launch for the Compact would be sometime in late 2025.
- VIII. Old Business**

A. Continued Discussion on K.A.R. 102-3-10a, Continuing Education for Licensees, and K.A.R. 102-3-11a, Documentation for Continuing Education.

The Advisory Committee continued discussions on these regulations and were asked to consider possible changes. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the following changes:

- Update outdated technology language (changing audiotape and videotape to “audio recording” and “video recording.”)
- Remove self-directed learning project and the section of the continuing education documentation regulation regarding that item.
- Remove the word “original” from the section of the regulation that says required document must be an original signed form sent to the Board, as most documentation received by the BSRB is a scan, rather than the original copy.
- Add an item to allow hours for receiving direction or supervision with a maximum number of 8 hours and to add information in the documentation regulation to show what documentation is acceptable.
- Change the number of allowable hours for providing supervision to a maximum of 8 hours.
- Add an item to allow hours for receiving consultation with a maximum number of 8 hours and to add information in the documentation regulation to show what is acceptable.

B. Continued Discussion on Questionnaire for Professional Counseling. No additional questions were added, and the questionnaire will be sent out to all professional counselor licensees shortly.

C. Continued Discussion on K.A.R. 102-3-3a Education Requirements. The Advisory Committee will review the materials that were sent to them regarding the surrounding states and will discuss this at a future meeting.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion on Possible Recommendations to Board for Legislative Agenda. None.

B. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions. The Board would like to add some general language to the BSRB website concerning the differences between each profession to assist the public in better understanding the professions. Information was sent to the Advisory Committee members to review and discuss at a future meeting.

C. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. The Executive Director provided a document for the committee to review on this topic. Discussion on AI will be a topic at a future meeting.

X. Next Meeting. Monday, October 7, 2024, at 10 a.m.

XI. Adjournment. Vanessa Perez moved to adjourn. Michael Countryman seconded. The motion passed.