

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 13, 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: Jasmine Cohen-Young, Mary Gill, LeeAnn Gingery, Yelando Johnson, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Catherine Rech, Christy Sanders, Eric Schoenecker. Also, Sarah Barens, Mike Gillett, and Donna Hoener-Queal were absent.
- BSRB Staff Members** present by Zoom included David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- II. Agenda Approval.** LeeAnn Gingery moved to approve the minutes. Eric Schoenecker seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Welcome New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed new members Jasmine Cohen-Young, Yelando Johnson, and Christy Sanders.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on June 18, 2024.** Co-Chair Andrea Perdomo-Morales Approved. LeeAnn Gingery Seconded. Motion Passed.
- V. Executive Director’s Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided updates on BSRB operations, items from the most recent Board meeting, and legislative updates.
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** Resources were sent to committee members. Main points to consider include informed consent to use data that would be collected by any AI programs. Discussion has led to what extent do clients know how data they share with social workers, including data in electronic health records will be used. This is something that HIPPA addresses; however, clinicians are required to inform clients that any information that is collected in electronic health records, but need to how to inform clients that this may be with the use of AI. Advisory Committee member, Dr. Cohen-Young mentions that there has not yet been a HIPPA compliant AI platform found that is going to retain client information or regurgitate in way that is not in compliance with HIPPA. Further discussion provided information on how a possible AI Bot has been used previously by a committee members colleague, but is not collecting data on any specific client, but instead used to generate group outlines or script groups while still being cautious and not using any client information or client data. Concerns of liability to the clinician were mentioned, such as, if the client has a mental health crisis and the bot tells the client to do or say something, it

is the clinician's duty to inform that client that this is not something personally recommended by the social worker, but rather the client for choosing a bot as a coping mechanism. With AI, there are several potential benefits and risks that both the client and clinician need to understand, prior to utilizing. Another concern is the autonomy risks associated when provided services by AI, as clients may not be making their own decisions, the AI bot is making their decisions, or providing advice that the client takes, this could be a big threat. AI could also cause an issue, as being more convenient, rather than reaching out to a live person, clients might utilize an AI bot compared to public to avoid the stigma that surrounds mental health. Lastly, the main risk that needs to be factored, is that it is possible for an AI bot to misdiagnose a client. A misdiagnosis could cause a huge issue if a client is told about medications that could help, from the bot, but then once those medications are taken, the client has bodily issue or a mental health crisis from the misdiagnosis, which is a big safety factor, but in the other direction, the AI bot could be an aid to the live therapist in determining a diagnosis and medication recommendation.

B. Continued Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Difference Between the Professions. Advisory Committee members expressed support for including the difference between levels of permanent licenses for social workers. Advisory Committee members also expressed support for detailing what services social workers provide, as a representation of how social workers seek to improve the lives of others. Catherine Rech offered to draft a description that would include the bachelor's level of social work license; Christy Sanders offered to draft a description for the master's level license; and Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel volunteered to draft a description for clinical social work, along with doctorate and PhD level social workers.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion on Possible Recommendations to Board for Legislative Agenda. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended creation of a new specialist license, an Advanced Generalist license, and recommended the Board pursue statutory changes to add back clinical education and training required for a clinical social work license, which was removed by the Legislature in 2023 Sub. for SB 131.

B. Review and Update BSRB Social Work Supervision Manual. Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel will be meeting with two volunteers to discuss possible updates to the manual.

C. Review and Discussion on ASWB Model Social Work Practice Act. Advisory Committee members were asked to review the first 20 pages for discussion at the next meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting. Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 10 am (Remote Meeting)

IX. Adjournment. Meeting was Adjourned.