

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
ADDICTION COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Jill Flessing, Chair of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting and called roll.

Advisory Committee Members: Advisory Committee members who participated by Zoom were Denise Cyzman, Christina Boyd, Lisa Carter, Chad Jacobs, and Charity Kossin. Michael James, Dulcinea Rakestraw, and Zenova Williams were absent.

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

- II. Agenda Approval.** Chad Jacobs moved to approve the agenda. Charity Kossin and Christina Boyd seconded. The motion passed.

- III. Public Comment:** None

- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on June 4, 2024.** Lisa Carter moved to approve the minutes from June 4, 2024. Christina Boyd seconded. The motion passed.

- V. 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.

- VI. Old Business**

A. Continued Discussion on K.S.A. 65-6616(a) Concerning “Individuals Preparing for the Practice of Addiction Counseling.” K.S.A. 65-6616(a), the Construction of Act statute for the addiction counseling profession, allows for limited practice by students, interns, or “*individuals preparing for the practice of addiction counseling.*” The language on preparing for the practice of addiction counseling has never fully been defined and it is unclear which individuals are covered by that language, so the BSRB can ensure only authorized individuals are providing addiction counseling services. By consensus, the Advisory Committee members recommended the Board request statutory action to strike this language from the statute.

B. Discussion on Advisory Committee Membership: At a previous Advisory Committee meeting, the Executive Director was asked to send a message to all licensees, so individuals could send letters of interest and resumes/CVs if they wished to be added to the Advisory Committee. 19 individuals submitted materials for consideration. After discussion of the applicants, the Advisory Committee recommended Jason Greever, Crystal Norman, and Judy Reusser be

added to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director will draft a letter to the Chair of the Board with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

- C. Continued Discussion on Questionnaire for Addiction Counseling Licensees:** Committee members provided suggestions and language to be added to assist in drafting survey question. Some of the topics for the survey include telehealth, supervision, and the differences between supervision provided by televideo rather than in the same physical space. Advisory Committee expressed their support for the BSRB determining a process to make a list of available supervisors that could be provided upon request to individuals seeking supervisors. By consensus, language was requested on the survey asking licensees for examples of what they refer to as artificial intelligence. The Executive Director will continue working on draft questions for the survey, which will be sent out in the near future.

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion on Possible Master’s Level Student Temporary License:** Advisory Committee members discussed an option that the language regarding the Student Temporary LAC license be changed, to provide greater flexibility to allow individuals who are currently in a program specific to addiction counseling or related field. By consensus, the Advisory Committee members expressed support for this additional flexibility for the Student Temporary LAC license and recommended it be forwarded to the Board. Possible expansion of the Temporary Student LAC license for students in a graduate program will be discussed at a future meeting.
- B. Discussion on Possible Alternatives to Current Licensure Levels:** Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at a future meeting.
- C. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence:** Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at a future meeting.
- D. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform the Public of the Differences Between the Professions:** Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at a future meeting.
- E. Future Topics for Advisory Committee for FY 2024 & FY 2025:** Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting. The Executive Director will send out a poll to identify a date for the next meeting in December 2024.

IX. Adjournment: Lisa Carter moved to adjourn. Charity Kossin seconded. The motion passed.