

**KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD  
BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 11, 2024**

**Approved Minutes**

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

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

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

- II. Additions to the Agenda and Agenda Approval.** A presentation on the use of artificial intelligence was added to the agenda. Wes Dotson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Alice Zhang seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Welcome New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed Alec Bernstein and Wes Dotson.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting on August 9, 2024.** Pam Neidert moved to approve the minutes. Kelley Harrison seconded. The motion passed.
- V. Presentation by Dr. Ben Caldwell from Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee.** The Advisory Committee watched a presentation on artificial intelligence from Dr. Ben Caldwell, which was presented to the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee. Dr. Caldwell provided the following information:
- A. What artificial intelligence is and its uses
  - B. Legal and ethical obligations
  - C. Conversational artificial intelligence
  - D. AI-based therapy
  - E. Regulatory considerations
- VI. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency operations, recent Board meetings, legislative updates, and other meetings.
- VII. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Possible Survey for Behavior Analysts.** Advisory Committee members reviewed potential questions for a survey of licensees. A question was raised about the definition of "Frontier areas," which is defined as no more than 19.9 people per square mile. The Executive Director for the BSRB expressed that the definition of this term can be included in the survey. Concerning the question asking how

long licensees have practiced behavior analysis, Advisory Committee members expressed that some individuals have been practicing since before the license was created, so the Advisory Committee supported removing references to being licensed for this question. Draft question 5 asked how many “permanent” licenses respondents had between different states, and it was suggested that the word “permanent” be removed. Due to time constraints, the rest of this discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

- B. **Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the next meeting.
- C. **Continued Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions.** Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the next meeting.

#### **VIII. New Business**

- A. **Discussion of Multi-State Compacts.** Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the next meeting.
- B. **Meeting Dates for 2025.** By consensus, the Advisory Committee decided to continue meeting remotely on the second Friday of the month, every other month, from 1pm to 3pm. Calendar appointments will be sent out to members of the Advisory Committee.
- C. **Discussion Topics for 2025.** Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the next meeting.

**VIII. Next Meeting.** Friday, December 13, 2024, at 1pm over Zoom.

- IX. Adjournment.** Pamela Neidert moved to adjourn the meeting. Alice Zhang seconded. The motion passed.