

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2024**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Mary Jones, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 10am.
- Committee Members.** Advisory Committee members present by Zoom were Jim Kilmartin, Chris Habben, Betsy Henderson, Marcy Lechtenberg, and Heidi Vela.
- Staff.** BSRB staff present by Zoom were David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- II. Approval of Agenda.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the agenda Betsy Henderson seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Presentation on Artificial Intelligence by Dr. Ben Caldwell.** Dr. Caldwell presented information on the current state of artificial intelligence, possible uses for artificial intelligence in mental health professions, and approaches regulatory bodies could take to setting standards for using this technology responsibly.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on August 19, 2024.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on August 19, 2024. Betsy Henderson 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. The Executive Director provided a detailed description of the Board’s discussion and decisions at the annual out-of-town Board planning meeting on September 29 and 30, 2024, in Lawrence, KS.
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Supervision Requirements for Marriage and Family Therapy Profession.** The Executive Director stated that other Advisory Committees were discussing whether to support a change so that a certain portion of supervision hours could be provided by individuals from other professions, absent a showing of extenuating circumstances. After discussion, the members of the Advisory Committee expressed strong support for the current standards which mostly require that supervision hours for marriage and family therapists be provided by clinical marriage and family therapists.
- B. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at a future 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 topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

D. Update on Survey of Licensees. Other Advisory Committees are wrapping their work on survey questions for their professions. The Executive Director will send out surveys when questions have been finalized.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion on K.S.A. 65-6409 “Preparing for the Practice” of Marriage and Family Therapy. The Executive Director stated the marriage and family therapy practice act includes carve out exceptions for students, interns, and “individuals preparing for the practice” of marriage and family therapy. There is not a clear definition of what is meant by “individuals preparing for the practice.” The Addiction Counseling Advisory Committee had similar language, discussed this and recommended to the Board striking that language from their statute. After discussion, by consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended to the Board striking it for the marriage and family therapy profession. Jim Kilmartin stated he will abstain from the consensus.

B. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions. Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

C. Discussion Topics for 2025. By consensus, the Advisory Committee supported continuing to meet remotely the second Friday of each month, every other month, at 10am. No discussion topics for 2025 were mentioned.

VIII. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at 10am on Friday, December 13, 2024.

IX. Adjournment. Mary Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Heidi Vela seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.