

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 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, Jim Kilmartin, Harriet Bachner, Melissa Briggs, Michael Countryman, Samantha Holloway, Bob Kircher, Mahsa Maghsoudi, Vanessa Perez, and Amanda Wade. Andrew Secor and Edil Torres-Rivera were absent.

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

- II. Agenda Approval.** Michael Countryman moved to approve the agenda. Vanessa Perez seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Welcome New Advisory Committee Member.** The Advisory Committee welcomed new member Mahsa Maghsoudi.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on August 5, 2024.** Amanda Wade moved to approve the minutes from August 5, 2024. Bob Kircher 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 discussion and decisions by the Board at the annual all-day off-site planning meeting on September 29 and 30, 2024, in Lawrence, KS.
- VI. Updates on Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee provided a brief update on the Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact.
- VII. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions.** The Executive Director noted that work is being done to add descriptions of each profession to the BSRB website to help the public distinguish the differences between each profession licensed by the Board. The committee discussed possible language to add.
- B. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** The Advisory Committee continued to discuss artificial intelligence possibly being used in practice. The Advisory Committee will continue research this topic and bring back any news for the discussion at a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion on Supervision. The Executive Director provided information noted what is required in Kansas to provide clinical supervision to individuals seeking a clinical license, compared to other states. The Executive Director noted he anticipates some groups bringing forward alternate proposals on supervision and asked the Advisory Committee if there was interest in a compromise position. Melissa Briggs moved to recommend the Board request new language in a bill for the 2025 Legislative session, that all of supervision hours towards a clinical license would need to be provided by a board-approved supervisor, but up to half of the 100 hours could be provided by an individual licensed by the BSRB at the graduate level to practice in one of the behavioral sciences whose authorized scope of practice permits the independent level of counseling therapy or psychotherapy. Michael Countryman seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor to 3 opposed.

B. Topics for 2025. This topic was tabled to the next meeting.

IX. Next Meeting. The Executive Director will send a poll to find a date and time the next meeting in December 2024. Additionally, the Executive Director will seek input on a standard date and time for meetings in 2025.

X. Adjournment. Michael Countryman moved to adjourn. Melissa Briggs seconded. The motion passed.