

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Richard Nobles, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Committee Members. Advisory Committee members present by Zoom were Linda Heitzman-Powell, David Stevens, Mark Goodman, Jessica Hamilton, Abby Callis, Matthew Guelker, Christopher Leonard, Edward Hunter, Tiffany Johnson, Doug Wright, Sarah Kirk, and Jay Middleton, were present via Zoom.

BSRB Staff. David Fye and Leslie Allen were present via Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Linda Heitzman-Powell moved to approve the agenda, and Mark Goodman seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Welcome New Advisory Committee Member Christopher Leonard.** The Advisory Committee welcomed Christopher Leonard.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on August 13, 2024.** Jay Middleton moved to approve the minutes. David Stevens seconded. The motion passed.
- V. Executive Director Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB) provided a report on agency activities, actions from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.

Update on PSYPACT Commission. The Executive Director included the October quarterly newsletter in the packet of materials. The Executive Director will attend the annual meeting for PSYPACT on November 18 and 19, 2024, in Washington, DC. According to the data in the October report, 99 Licensed Psychologists are practicing Telehealth through PSYPACT, with Kansas as their home state. The Executive Director will keep the Advisory Committee informed about the annual meeting.

VI. Old Business

- A. Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to K.A.R. 102-1-12 Educational Requirements.** If an applicant hasn't graduated from an APA-accredited program, they will need to meet the specific coursework requirements in the education regulation. Doug Wright moved that if an applicant received their education from an APA accredited program, they did not need to meet the specific coursework requirements in the regulation. Mark Goodman seconded. The motion passed.

Previously, for four other professions, "in-residence" was defined as receiving coursework while physically at the location of the school in face-to-face contact with core faculty. However, four professions have changed the definition of "in-residence" to allow an alternative to the requirement of being physically present at the institution in front of core faculty. Currently, there are no APA-accredited programs that are online-only. There is a requirement for some in-person education. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the definition of "in residence" be revised to allow a physical location identified by the institution, rather than the physical location of the institution. Mark Goodman moved to approve the change in language. Abby Callis seconded. The motion passed.

- B. Update on Possible Survey for Licensed Psychologists.** The Executive Director is working with Advisory Committees to develop surveys for their respective professions to gather data from licensees. The Executive Director intends to distribute the survey to all licensed psychologists in the near future. There was a suggestion to include questions about the percentage of telehealth psychologists are providing, how they are spending their time in practice, the areas in which they are providing assessments, questions on supervision, the type of supervision they are providing, and a possible question regarding pharmacology. Any additional suggestions on questions can be sent via e-mail to the Executive Director.

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions.** The Executive Director has requested that the Advisory Committees create language to help the public understand the profession. While the statute contains a technical definition, there are no general descriptions for the public. Discussions have emphasized that the profession requires a doctorate degree, enables independent practice, involves diagnosing and treating mental illness, and requires expertise in psychological testing, which includes a significant length of education including internships and post-doctoral training. Additionally, the discussions include the importance of forensic testimony and distinguishing between a psychologist and a psychiatrist. The Advisory Committee will continue to work on possible language at a future meeting.
- B. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** The Board has been discussing artificial intelligence and trying to find a way to approach how to be helpful to the public and licensees. Artificial intelligence usage and availability are growing, and there is no specific language regarding this topic. There has been some conversation on best practices and protecting the confidentiality of client information, as well as what is an appropriate use of artificial intelligence. There was a discussion on transparency when using artificial intelligence with clients and the role of the psychologist when reviewing assessments. Advisory Committee members will continue this discussion at a future meeting.

C. Note on Dates for Meetings in 2025. The Executive Director went over the schedule for upcoming advisory committee meetings. The Advisory Committee will continue to meet remotely on the second Tuesday of the month, every-other-month, from 6pm to 8pm.

D. Discussion on Possible Committee Topics for 2025. The Executive Director would like the committees to consider possible changes for the legislative session. The Advisory Committee had no recommendations for the Board.

VIII. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6 pm.

IX. Adjournment. Linda Heizman-Powell moved to Adjourn. Mark Goodman seconded. The motion passed.