

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Meeting
February 7, 2025**

DRAFT Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, at 1:00 p.m.

Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee Members. Advisory Committee Members who participated by Zoom or phone were David Anderson, Ginger Hill, Rebecca Jabara, Lauren Lucht, Sarah McMillen, Robert Pedroza, and Jennifer Schreiner. David Stevens, Bruce Johnson, Iris Pauly, Joshua Tanguay, and Kari Wold were absent.

BSRB Staff. BSRB staff members who participated by Zoom included David Fye.
- II. Approval of the Agenda or Additions to the Agenda.** Robert Pedroza moved to approve the agenda. Ginger Hill seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Presentation by Dr. Brooke Mann on Remote Education on Psychological Testing.** Dr. Brooke Mann, Program Director for the Clinical Psychology graduate program at Fort Hays State University and Program Reviewer for the American Psychological Association (APA) for master's level psychology programs, provided information to Board members on the benefits of changing the "in residency" requirements for certain coursework associated with master's level psychology licensure, to allow certain education to be received remotely. Notably, Dr. Mann spoke of the benefits that this may have on students in rural areas. She also touched on the types of advanced technology that universities use to assist in training practitioners. There are online-based assessment courses where students submit videos and engage in synchronous coursework. When the APA begins accrediting master's psychology programs, they intend to give accreditation to certain online programs. At Fort Hays State University, students come to campus for a week for learning purposes and then are required to record their assessments when performing them away from the physical campus. When asked about whether the APA accreditation of master's level psychology programs is intended to apply to a specific scope of practice for master's level psychologists, Dr. Mann expressed that the APA plans to leave many decisions up to states. Dr. Mann also noted that there were seven initial programs being reviewed for APA accreditation for master's programs, three of which have been accredited and one is waiting on approval. APA accreditation does not currently include requirements that certain coursework must be synchronous, but there are requirements that faculty directly observe certain skills.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Advisory Committee Meeting on December 4, 2024.** Robert Pedroza moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on December 4, 2024. Ginger Hill seconded. The motion passed.

- V. **Executive Director's Report.** The Executive Director reported on agency operations, legislative updates, recent Board meetings, and upcoming meetings.
- VI. **Continuation of Annual Training for Board Members and Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided the second half of the annual training to Board members and Advisory Committee members on processes, expectations, and responsibilities under the policies adopted by the BSRB and under the law.
- VII. **Old Business.**
- A. **Continued Discussion on K.A.R. 102-4-3a Educational Requirements.** The original recommendations proposed by the Advisory Committee included psychotherapy courses needing to be completed either at a physical location identified by the institution or by synchronous video conferencing, testing courses need to be taken at a physical location identified by the institution, and striking the 15:1 ratio requirement. Advisory Committee members discussed whether to consider alternate recommendations. The consensus was to move forward with the previous recommendations.
 - B. **Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI).** The Executive Director provided Advisory Committee members with the Governor's 2023 policy for use of generative artificial intelligence by state agencies; the American Association on State Counseling Board's (AASCBs) informational material on the safe and ethical use of AI in mental health counseling; and a handout on AI from several entities, including the Kansas Health Institute (KHI). Additionally, it was noted that KHI is doing a webinar on February 12, 2025, from 1 pm to 2 pm regarding AI. A major concern by Advisory Committee members is the possibility of practitioners relying fully on AI, which would take away personalized components that are necessary. This topic will be discussed further at future meetings.
 - C. **Continued Discussion on Adding a Description of Each Profession to the BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions.** This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- VIII. **New Business**
- A. **Discussion on Possible Topics for 2025.** The Executive Director asked Advisory Committee members to look at the statues and regulations for master's level psychology to identify discussion topics for the current year.
- IX. **Possible Additional Agenda Items.** None.
- X. **Next Meeting:** April 2025, at 1 pm over Zoom.
- XI. **Adjournment.** Lauren Lucht moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Pedroza seconded. The meeting was adjourned.