

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
ADDICTION COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024
APPROVED MINUTES**

- I. **Call to Order.** Jill Flessing, Chair of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting and called roll.

Advisory Committee Members. Christina Boyd, Denise Cyzman, Jason Greever, Chad Jacobs, Charity Kossin, Crystal Norman, Dulcinea Rakestraw, Judy Reusser, and Zenova Williams. Lisa Carter and Michael James were absent.

BSRB Staff. David Fye and Leslie Allen were present.
- II. **Agenda Approval.** Denise Cyzman moved to approve the agenda. Charity Kossin seconded. Motion Passed.
- III. **Welcome New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed new members Jason Greever, Crystal Norman, and Judy Reusser.
- IV. **Public Comment.** None
- V. **Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting on September 24, 2024.** Chad Jacobs moved to approve the minutes from September 24, 2024. Dulcinea Rakestraw seconded. The Motion Passed.
- VI. **Executive Director’s Report.** The Executive Director provided an update on BSRB operations, legislative updates, and highlights of items from recent BSRB Board meetings.
- VII. **Annual Training for Board Members and Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided the full annual training for Board members and Advisory Committee members.
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Updates on Recommendations Forwarded to Board.** Due to time constraints, this item was tabled until the next meeting.
 - B. **Continued Discussion on Possible Master’s Level Student Temporary License.** The members of the Advisory Committee discussed whether a new Student Temporary license should be created for master’s-level students that would be different from the Student Temporary License for students seeking a licensed addiction counselor license. Members discussed that when students are in their practicum or internship, most issues would be solved within that program, but if a license is involved, the issue could be resolved by the program or by the BSRB, so students need to fully understand professionalism. Other committee members asked whether individuals holding this license could bill Medicaid. BSRB staff noted the BSRB does not have jurisdiction over payments and billing. Presently, based on comments from representatives of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, individuals holding a student temporary license cannot bill Medicaid directly; however, the facility they work for can bill for those services. The members of the Advisory Committee agreed with the Board’s position to seek expansion of the existing temporary student addiction counseling license, rather than create a separate Temporary Student Master’s Addiction Counseling license.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Due to time constraints, this item has been tabled until the next meeting.

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 item has been tabled until the next meeting.

C. Future Topics for Advisory Committee for FY 2024 and FY 2025. Recommendation to continue this meeting quarterly. Consensus by each member to approve this recommendation.

X. Next Meeting. March 3, 2025.

XI. Adjournment. Charity Kossin moved to adjourn. Denise Cyzman seconded. Meeting adjourned.