

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 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, Nicole Eitzen, Chris Habben, Betsy Henderson, Marcie Lechtenberg, Dianne Seibel. Heidi Vela was absent.
- Staff.** BSRB staff present by Zoom were David Fye.
- II. Approval of Agenda.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the agenda. Marcie Lechtenberg seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on October 11, 2024.** Betsy Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on October 11, 2024. Jim Kilmartin seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IV. 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.
- V. Annual Training for Board Members and Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided the annual training for Board members and Advisory Committee members on processes, expectations, and responsibilities under the policies adopted by the BSRB and under the law.
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** Advisory Committee members discussed the presentation by the guest speaker at the previous meeting and noted recently hearing about the concept of supervision by artificial intelligence and the utilization of artificial intelligence in educational settings. Advisory Committee members discussed the importance of protecting confidentiality and ensuring informed consent. Advisory Committee members also discussed the difference between entities setting standards compared to required placed in law by the regulatory body. The Advisory Committee resolved to continue discussing this topic at future meetings.
- B. Continued Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions.** The Executive Director advised that the other professions are discussing this topic and are preparing to recommend specific language to be added to the BSRB website to

provide general descriptions of the different professions regulated by the BSRB. It was noted that the language for the marriage and family therapy profession would likely describe the two levels of licensure, as having two levels of licensing is unique compared to other states that license marriage and family therapy.

- C. Discussion on Supervision.** The Advisory Committee noted previous discussion about supervision and not wanting to expand the types of individuals who can provide supervision absent a showing of an extenuating circumstance. Advisory Committee discussed the importance of marriage and family therapists supervising other marriage and family licensees, based on the unique aspects of their education and training. The Advisory Committee supported its previous recommendation and made no new recommendation for the Board.

VII. New Business

- A. Additional Topics for 2025.** Advisory Committee members discussed some difficulty getting continuing education hours. The Executive Director noted the BSRB is planning on creating an optional one-hour quarterly webinar on jurisprudence topics, which would be a free source of continuing education.

- VIII. Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be February 14, 2025, at 10am.

- IX. Thank You to Members of the Advisory Committee.** The Chair thanked members of the Advisory Committee for their service on the Advisory Committee this year.

- X. Adjournment.** The Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned.