

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 13, 2025**

DRAFT 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 Mary Jones, Nicole Eitzen, Chris Habben, and Betsy Henderson. Jim Kilmartin, Marcie Lechtenberg, Diane Seibel, and Heidi Vela were absent.

Staff. BSRB staff present by Zoom was David Fye.

- II. Approval of Agenda.** No changes were made to the agenda.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on December 13, 2024.** This item was passed over, to be considered at a future meeting.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) provided updates on agency operations and actions from recent Board meetings. The Executive Director noted an upcoming meeting with representatives from CE Broker and solicited feedback from Advisory Committee members on their own experiences using CE Broker or feedback they had heard from other licensees, in preparation for that meeting.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Draft Survey of Licensees.** At the Advisory Committee meeting in April 2025, the Executive Director reviewed the draft report on the survey of licensees with the Advisory Committee and asked members of the Committee to continue to review the report and be ready to discuss their thoughts at the June 2025 Advisory Committee meeting. At this meeting, the Executive Director solicited reflections and items of note from Advisory Committee members. In preparation for discussion at the Advisory Committee meeting in August 2025, Committee members were asked to focus specific attention on the summary information and full answers in the relevant appendices for: (1) Question 13 (LMFT)/Question 12 (LCMFT) on page 17 of the draft report, which focused on practice-related negative issues practitioners have seen, such as areas where practitioners appeared more continuing education or training in a certain areas; and (2) Question 15 (LMFT and LCMFT) on page 20 and 21 of the draft report, which focused on any negative issues involving supervision that have been experienced by practitioners in the past two years.
- B. Continued Discussion of Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** At the previous meeting, the Executive Director supplied Advisory Committee members with several handouts involving artificial intelligence from different associations and other entities. Advisory Committee members were provided the opportunity to discuss

notable take-aways from the materials. The Executive Director noted having attended a forum sponsored by the Information Network of Kansas, at which meeting practical use of artificial intelligence was discussed in ways to assist state agencies, such as converting information from website frequently asked question pages to a chat-bot who could provide the same information in more accessible methods. The Executive Director noted these tools had not been created yet, but he would keep the Advisory Committee informed on new developments at the state level. The Executive Director provided updates on federal legislation involving artificial intelligence, such as the appropriations bill that passed the congressional house including a prohibition on state's being able to regulate artificial intelligence for 10 years. The Executive Director noted he would continue to monitor this item and ensure the Committee was informed if it became law.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion and Recommendations on New Advisory Committee Members. There are currently four open positions on the Advisory Committee. Since the Advisory Committee meeting in April 2025, 11 individuals applied for consideration of being added to the Advisory Committee. Due to a lack of quorum, this item was passed over to be discussed at a future meeting.

B. Discussion on Alternate Pathways to Licensure. At the BSRB Board meeting in May 2025, the Chair of the Board asked the Board members to discuss with their Advisory Committees possible alternative pathways for licensure, specifically relating to alternatives to passing national licensing examinations. The Executive Director noted he would research licensing requirements in other states as well as whether other states had implemented alternative pathways to licensure.

C. Discussion on Jurisprudence Live! The Executive Director informed the Advisory Committee that the BSRB was close to beginning to create questions for the Jurisprudence Live! webinars for each profession. The Executive Director would like to work with two volunteers from each of the Advisory Committees, outside of the current Advisory Committee meetings, for the purpose of drafting questions on the topics identified by the investigators and licensing specialists for the BSRB. Chris Habben and Betsy Henderosn volunteered to assist in this process.

VII. Next Meeting. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be in August 2025. The Executive Director will send a survey to assist the Advisory Committee in identifying a date and time for the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.