

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 11, 2025**

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

Staff. BSRB staff present by Zoom was David Fye.

- II. Approval of Agenda.** Betsy Henderson moved to approve the agenda. Marcie Lechtenberg seconded. The motion passed.

- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on December 13, 2024.** Heidi Vela moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on December 13, 2024. Marcie Lechtenberg seconded. 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. Old Business

A. Continued Discussion of Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. The Executive Director provided the Advisory Committee members several additional handout to assist the members with their continuing conversation on the regulation of artificial intelligence (AI). These materials included a policy on generative AI from the Kansas Governor’s office to state agencies under the executive branch, a document from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) on the Ethical Principles for AI, the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCBs) Position and Guidelines on AI in, a document from the Kansas Health Institute (KHI) on Developing AI Policies for Public Health Organizations, and an article from the American Counseling Association (ACA) on AI. Advisory Committee members were asked to review these materials for discussion at future meetings.

VI. New Business

A. Review and Discussion on Draft Survey Report of Licensees. The Executive Director provided a copy of the draft report on the survey of marriage and family therapy licensees to the Advisory Committee and thanked BSRB staff members Emma Allan and Tyla Wadsworth for their assistance providing summary information and analysis for the report. The Executive Director reviewed the

questions and responses from licensees, as well as summary information and analysis provided in the report by members of the BSRB staff. Advisory Committee members discussed a desire to provide more resources for licensees and discussed alternative methods to provide that information, such as having educational forums specific to each of the professions, rather than a broad profession for all educational providers. Advisory Committee members also expressed a desire to research more aspects around individuals who have held a LMFT license for more than 2 years. Advisory Committee members also expressed a desire to review any consistent themes in the survey reports for the different professions. Advisory Committee members were asked to continue reviewing the report following the meeting, especially the open-field responses from licensees, which were attached to the survey report as appendices, so the Advisory Committee could continue to review and discuss the information in the draft report at future Advisory Committee meetings.

B. Discussion on Adding Advisory Committee Members. The Executive Director noted the Advisory Committee currently has six non-Board members and, per the Advisory Committee, there could be as many as ten non-Board members on the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director will send out a message to licensees, to requested individuals interested in being appointed to the Advisory Committee submit letters of interest and resumes/CVs.

VII. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be June 13, 2025 at 10am.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.