

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
ADDICTION COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025**

Approved Minutes

- I. Opening Remarks, Advisory Committee Chair.** Jill Flessing, Chair of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting with roll call.

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

BSRB Staff. David Fye and Leslie Allen were present.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Charity Kossin moved to approve the agenda. Chad Jacobs seconded. Motion Passed.

- III. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting on December 4, 2024.** Jason Greever moved to approve. Denise Cyzman seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. Executive Director’s Report**

- V. Old Business**

- A. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** The Executive Director noted the Board asked each Advisory Committee discuss this topic and make possible recommendations back to the Board. The Executive Director provided members of the Advisory Committee with resources concerning AI provided by several different associations. One document provided details that pertain specifically to the ethical use of AI and mental health counseling. Committee members discussed how they’ve individually used AI tools in their work for their clients. This topic will continue to be on the agenda for ongoing discussion.

- VI. New Business**

- A. Discussion on Making Up Practicum Hours for License.** Currently, the education regulation states that the practicum for an applicant is a specific number of hours and there is also a set number of direct client contact hours in the practicum. Accredited programs require 280 hours of direct client contact. Some applicants have graduated from programs that do not meet the hour requirement. The question becomes, does the Board want to allow a ‘workaround’ for someone who applies, to make up hours if they don’t have the necessary hours of direct client contact, before they obtain their permanent license, without going back to school? BSRB does have a ‘Provisional License’ that is offered, to allow licensees to make up one class. Committee members discussed an issue being that, if the student had already graduated from a school’s program, they may not be allowed to do additional hours. Essentially, the applicant will be presented to the Board for a decision, and may not meet the standards for licensure. Members discussed the difficulties that could come up when trying to reach the same threshold for each college or university to have the same guidelines, especially, when the student ‘technically’ has already passed that college’s educational requirement. Most

of the different professions, if the applicant does not have a certain amount of direct client contact in their practicum, when they apply for clinical licensure, there may be an option to make up just the direct client contact hours, in addition to the requirements for clinical licensure with a training plan. This topic will be tabled for now and discussed in future meetings.

B. Future Topics for Advisory Committee for FY 2024 and FY 2025. Advisory Committee members discussed the following possible future topics:

- Review of addiction counseling regulations for possible updates;
- Possible re-appointed members (next spring) and new individuals; and
- Methods to create list of supervisors (especially in rural areas).

VII. Next Meeting: 1pm on June 3, 2025

VIII. Adjournment Michael James moved to adjourn. Charity Kossin seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.