

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**

Draft Minutes

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel.

Social Work Advisory Committee Members. Advisory Committee members present by Zoom included Annas Boyer, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Cynthia Schendel, Lee Ann Gingery, Christy Sanders, Eric Schoenecker, Callie Werth and Robin Unruh. Sarah Berens, Jasmine Cohen-Young, Mary Gill, Mike Gillet, Donna Hoener-Queal, Yelando Johnson, and Catherine Rech were absent.

BSRB Staff Members. David Fye was present by Zoom.

- II. **Possible Modifications to Agenda.** No changes were made.

- III. **Welcome New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed new members Annas Boyer and Callie Werth.

- IV. **Short Summary of Advisory Committee Member Expectations.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided a short summary of the role of Advisory Committee members and a short summary of laws and policies relevant to the work of the Advisory Committee, including responsibilities under the Kansas Open Meetings and Kansas Open Records Act.

- V. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meetings on February 25, 2025, and June 16, 2025.** Lee Ann Gingery moved to approve. Eric Schoenecker seconded. Motion carried.

- VI. **Executive Director's Report.** The Executive Director provided updates on BSRB operations, Legislative items, and information from the most recent Board meeting.

- VII. **Updates on Social Work Multi-State Compact.** The Executive Director, who serves as the Compact Commissioner for Kansas, updated the Advisory Committee members on work by the Committees for the Compact and progression towards the Compact becoming active. The Executive Director currently services on the Rules Committee and Finance Committee for the Compact Commission.

A. Draft Rule on Qualifying National Exam. The Executive Director noted a rule for the Compact is open for public comment. This rule identifies the national exams that would be qualifiers for the requirement of passage of a national examination for eligibility to practice under the compact. The rule would clarify that the licensing examinations from the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), would qualify for the examination requirement under the Compact. Passage of the bachelor's-level examination would qualify for bachelor's level practice, passage of the master's or advanced generalist examination would qualify for master's level practice, and practice of the clinical examination would qualify for clinical practice. It was noted that a very small number of states currently allow the Advanced Generalist examination to count towards practicing clinical-level licensure, so there may be possible opposition to the rule from those states. Individuals who would like to provide public comments may do so on the website identified for the Compact Commission.

- VIII. **Old Business**

A. Continued Discussion on Guidelines for Social Work Supervision. Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel explained the value of providing helpful resources for individuals completing hours towards clinical licensure. Several years in the past, BSRB Board members, Advisory Committee members, and BSRB

staff worked to create a Social Work Supervision Manual as a guide for applicants. This fall, social work Board members, Advisory Committee members, and BSRB staff worked to revise this document, rebranded as Guidelines for Social Work Supervision. Advisory Committee members reviewed the document and expressed appreciation for such a helpful document for applicants, including the new information that was added since the original document was created. A motion was requested to confirm approval of the publication and a recommendation that it be posted to the BSRB website. Annas Boyer made a motion to adopt this document. Lee Ann Gingery seconded. The motion passed.

- B. Continued Discussion of Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** Advisory Committee members discussed certain utilization of artificial intelligence in practice. Members stated having a regulation would be helpful due to the ‘gray’ areas that come when determining whether AI should or could be used in certain situations. Furthermore, regulations will assist in determining when AI can be used, or should some scenarios require manually written notes, summaries, etc.

IX. New Business

- A. Review and Discussion on Draft Survey Report of Licensees.** In June and July 2025, the BSRB surveyed all social work licensees on questions including workforce topics and issues related to the public protection of the Board. Two thousand social workers responded to the survey. Several questions were asked to try to identify issues in the field relating to supervision, artificial intelligence, telehealth, and feedback was requested on additional ways the BSRB could protect the public. BSRB staff members worked quickly to summarize this information for Advisory Committee members. The Executive Director walked through the draft survey report with members of the Advisory Committee. BSRB Licensing Specialist Tyla Wadsworth summarized information from certain questions that allowed for an open-field response. Advisory Committee members were asked to review survey responses to questions concerning supervision, telehealth, and artificial intelligence.
- B. Discussion on Alternative Pathways to Licensure.** Tabled this topic for next meeting.

X. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 10am (Remote Meeting)

- A. Annual Training for Board and Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director noted the agency was considering an alternative process for the annual training for Board and Advisory Committee members, rather than hold the full training at an upcoming meeting. More information would be provided when a specific plan has been confirmed.
- B. Review of Regulations.** The Executive Director noted several regulations listed on the agenda for the next meeting, noting the BSRB is asking Advisory Committees to review regulations that have not been reviewed recently and asked Advisory Committee members to be ready to discuss the regulations at the next meeting for potential recommended updates or recommended changes in language.

XI. Adjournment. Eric Schoenecker moved to adjourn. Callie Werth seconded. Meeting adjourned.