

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025
Approved 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 Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Cynthia Schendel, Annas Boyer, Mary Gill, Mike Gillet, Yelando Johnson, Christy Sanders, and Callie Werth. Donna Hoener-Queal, Sarah Berens, Jasmine Cohen-Young, Eric Schoenecker, and Robin Unruh were absent.

BSRB Staff Members. David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.

II. Possible Modifications to Agenda. Cynthia Schendel added discussion of possibility of reversing the amendment that was passed previously, which added the words, Including, but not limited to diagnosing and treating mental disorders.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meetings on August 12, 2025. Review of the draft minutes from the August meeting were tabled to a future meeting.

IV. Executive Director's Report. David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided updates on BSRB operations, Legislative items, and updates from the most recent Board meeting.

V. Updates on Social Work Multi-State Compact. The Executive Director, who serves as the Compact Commissioner for Kansas, provided updates on the Social Work Multi-State Compact.

VI. Old Business

a. Continued Review and Discussion of Survey of Licensees. The Executive Director previously asked Advisory Committee members to review and be ready to discuss survey responses from licensees on three topics listed below.

i. Practice-Related Negative Issues (page 20). Advisory Committee members were asked to review survey responses and discuss notable items from the survey report. Committee members noted responses on politics in the workplace, heavy caseloads, understaffing, and financial burdens when it comes to continuing education. Another main topic was ethics. Also noted were interpersonal issues, skills, safety, and boundaries/professionalism concerns.

ii. Negative Issues Involving Supervision (page 27). The Executive Director asked Advisory Committee members to review survey responses for discussion during the next meeting.

iii. Use of Artificial Intelligence in Practice (page 29). The Executive Director asked Advisory Committee members to review survey responses for discussion during the next meeting.

b. Continued Discussion of Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. Tabled to a future meeting.

c. Continued Discussion on Alternative Pathways to Licensure. Tabled to a future meeting.

VII. New Business

a. Review of Regulations. Due to time constraints, review of nine regulations was tabled, so these regulations could be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

VIII. Additional Items.

a. Possible Legislation Restoring Clarity for Clinical Social Work Applicant Required Hours

Providing Psychotherapy and Assessments. Cynthia Schendel, Co-Chair, discussed Legislative changes to the statute with requirements to become a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW). These changes altered the previous requirement of 1,500 hours of direct client contact providing psychotherapy and assessments to “1,500 hours, **including but not limited to**, providing psychotherapy and assessments...” This change lowered the standard for clinical licensure below the standards for other professions regulated by the BSRB, and it is now possible an LSCSW applicant could complete 1,500 hours of direct client contact, including only one hour providing psychotherapy and assessment, but then after qualifying for LSCSW licensure could provide psychotherapy and assessments independently (so long as they met other requirements of clinical licensure). The Co-Chair expressed a desire to meet with Representative Susan Ruiz who initially proposed and supported this change and representatives from NASW-KS who also previously supported the change, to see if they would be supportive of legislation reversing the change. By consensus, the Advisory Committee was supportive of this meeting and by consensus agreed that if Representative Ruiz and NASW-KS representatives were supportive of reversing the change, the Advisory Committee would recommend a corresponding change in statute be forwarded as a recommendation to the Board for legislation.

- b. Requirement of References from LSCSW Applicants.** Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing for the BSRB, noted a requirement for references from social workers pursuing a clinical license, that is unique and not a requirement for applicants seeking clinical applicants from other professions. Due to a lack of quorum at the time this item was discussed, it will be carried forward to the next Advisory Committee meeting.

IX. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 10am (Remote Meeting)

X. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.