

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 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, Jim Kilmartin, Nicole Eitzen Chris Habben, Betsy Henderson, Stacey Hodges, Raneisha Hunter, and Heidi Vela. Marcie Lechtenberg and Diane Seibel were absent.  
**Staff.** BSRB staff present by Zoom were David Fye and Leslie Allen.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the agenda. Betsy Henderson seconded. The motion passed.
- III. **Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on October 10, 2025.** Nicole Eitzen moved to approve the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting on October 10, 2025. Heidi Vela seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IV. **Executive Director’s Report.** The Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) provided updates on agency operations, legislative updates, and actions from recent Board meetings. The Executive Director reviewed major changes for the BSRB over the past five years.
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Continued Review and Discussion of Survey Report on Licensees.** At the previous meeting, the Executive Director asked Advisory Committee members to review and be ready to discuss licensee responses to survey questions.
    - i. **Additional Ways the BSRB Could Protect and Serve Consumers of Services Offered by BSRB Licensees.** Advisory Committee members discussed the large number of survey respondents who reported no additional ways the BSRB could protect and serve consumers of services. Members also discussed comments highlighting more information on disciplinary processes and disciplinary reporting.
    - ii. **Additional Comments and Feedback.** Advisory Committee members discussed survey responses, including looking at the restrictions of practicing across state lines and the interest by licensees in a multi-state compact. Telehealth, reimbursements from insurance companies, BSRB’s position on advocating for the profession, and understanding what the role of BSRB was in certain areas were highlighted by members of the Advisory Committee.
  - B. **Continued Regulation Review.** The Executive Director previously asked Advisory Committee members to review and be ready to discuss possible updates or other changes to several regulations which had not been reviewed by the Advisory Committee recently.

- i. **K.A.R. 102-5-9 Renewal and Reinstatement.** Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager proposed three edits to this regulation. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the three proposed changes be forwarded to the BSRB Board for recommended changes.
  - ii. **K.A.R. 102-5-13 Licensee Consult with Physician When Determining Symptoms of Mental Disorders.** There are no proposed changes to be made at this time.
  - iii. **K.A.R. 102-5-15 Services Rendered to Individuals Located in this State.** There are no proposed changes to be made at this time.
- C. Continuing Discussion on the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** The Executive Director provided additional resources for the Advisory Committee members to review and discuss at a future meeting, including a summary of three recent laws restricting the use of AI by mental health practitioners in Illinois, Nevada, and Utah, as well as a guide for use of AI by mental health practitioners in Utah.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Discussion on Safety Training for Practitioners.** Advisory Committee members discussed the role and limitations of the BSRB. The Kansas Legislature created the agency as a public protection agency, primarily to ensure that members of the public are protected by ensuring that practitioners meet certain standards for licensure and that complaints against practitioners are investigated and appropriate disciplinary actions are taken against licensees when appropriate. It was noted that the jurisdiction of the agency is limited as an administrative authority and does not take the place of law enforcement. Given the statutory, budgetary, and jurisdictional limitations of the agency, it was also noted that at times, licensees seek guidance or protections from the agency against individuals seeking services. It was noted that the BSRB cannot provide legal advice and it is mostly outside of the jurisdiction of the agency if there are concerns regarding clients. However, it was noted that several years ago, the legislature implemented a one-time requirement for social workers to take a safety training class and it was discussed whether this would be helpful as a requirement for other professions or perhaps whether it would be helpful for the BSRB to spotlight resources on safety training for licensees. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.
- B. Discussion on Topics for 2026.** Advisory Committee members expressed a desire to continue discussions on the topic of safety training, particularly by revisiting what could qualify for continuing education credit for licensees. Other topics discussed included moving items from discussion to action from the surveys; more discussion on AI; and continued discussion on multi-state compacts.
- C. Discussion on Date and Time for Meetings in 2026.** The Advisory Committee discussed a standard date and time for meeting. By consensus, the Advisory Committee agreed to continue meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, every-other-month, at 10am.

**VII. Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be on February 13, 2026, at 10am.

**VIII. Adjournment.** Stacey Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting. Betsy Henderson seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.