

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PERMANENT REGULATION
for
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

K.A.R. 102-5-3

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board will conduct a public hearing from 10:00 – 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 in the board conference room at 712 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, to consider adopting proposed amendments to a permanent rule and regulation for Marriage and Family Therapy.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing constitutes a public comment period for purposes of receiving written public comments on the proposed amendments. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, 712 South Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66603-3817. E-mail comments may be directed to phyllis.gilmore@bsrb.state.ks.us All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally at the hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request each participant to limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director at 785-296-3240 or the Kansas Relay Center at 1-800-766-3777. There is designated accessible parking on Kansas Avenue and the front entrance of the board office is accessible.

A copy of the full text of the regulation and the economic impact statement may be reviewed or obtained at the board office. They are also available on the board website at www.ksbsrb.org under public information. The following is a summary of the proposed amendment and economic statement. The board does not have a less costly or less intrusive method for achieving the stated purpose of this regulation.

K.A.R. 102-5-3 contains the education requirements for Kansas Marriage and Family Therapy licensees. The amendment clarifies practicum supervision requirements and adds the option of a 300 hour practicum when combined with an additional 400 hours of postgraduate supervised client contact. This amendment enables implementation of HB 2162 which was passed by the 2009 Legislature.

Economic impact: There could be a positive impact to the BSRB and the State of Kansas depending on the number of additional licensure applicants who may now be eligible to obtain a Kansas Marriage and Family Therapy license.