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Notes from the Director

Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director

As many of you may know, I have now been at the BSRB office for three months. I am currently licensed as an LSCSW and have most recently been practicing in the area of adoptions. I have also served 5 years in the Kansas House of Representatives.

I am very excited about this new position and am eagerly looking forward to the many changes that will be forthcoming. One change you see before you. It is part of our plan to increase communication with our licensees, and this newsletter is our first attempt to do so. The Web site is also being implemented with the same goal of communication in mind, and will allow for us to have two-way communication.

We are aware that our first charge as a regulatory agency is to protect the public health and safety, by regulating the licensure of those who provide behavioral health services and we are ever mindful of this mission. This mission, however, does not necessitate an adversarial relationship with our licensees, and we want you all to know that we are also here to be of service to you. SO please call us with your questions and concerns.

We look forward to a new beginning here at the BSRB Office, which is only appropriate as we begin a new century. I am very thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Kansas while helping you with licensure issues. We look forward to building a working relationship with each of you!

Phyllis Gilmore

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"Lex Terrae"-Due Process of Law

Mark Mathies

Let me start this, my first column, by saying that I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with the Board members and staff at the Board office. I bring to this position 6 years of law enforcement experience, Kansas and Federal level law enforcement training, and a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice/Sociology from KSU.

My door is always open, and I am available to address questions or concerns you may have. The Board office was without an investigator for some time, and I appreciate your patience as I work through the backlog of investigations, and bring them to closure. I am working diligently to resolve all cases in an expedient manner without jeopardizing the time consuming "Due process of law."

Credentialing notes

Judy L. Parker

One of the most visible changes that has occurred in the past 6 months at the BSRB office has been the assembling of a new team of credentialing personnel to handle applications for licensure of all professions regulated by the BSRB. It is the goal of the team to handle all applications and inquiries with prompt efficiency in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. We welcome calls, E-mail, or letters to answer questions or assist you in any issues that may arise relative to your licensing.

The Board members and the Advisory Committee members are currently working on the development of rules and regulations to implement the statutes created by HB 2213 and HB 2033. The regulations will be reviewed, voted upon and processed through legal channels this winter and spring. As soon as these regulations are available, all licensees will be notified of the new regulations and processes involved in implementing the new statutes. It is the intent of all of us to provide adequate notice and sufficient information to licensees in order to facilitate a smooth transition.

Right now, the two most frequently asked questions have to do with the new CEU regulations and the change in clinical supervision requirements for Social Workers:

- Beginning in January, all renewal notices will contain information about the new CEU requirements for those professions effected. It is our intention to provide a full renewal cycle for licensees to obtain the required CEU's.
- Social Workers who are already under a signed supervisory agreement prior to July 1, 2000, will be able to complete their supervised experience under the current regulations. All Social Workers beginning their supervised experience ON or AFTER July 1, 2000 will complete their supervised experience under the new regulations.

Please let us know if there are other questions or concerns you may have. Thank you!

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