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NEW STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Many of you are aware that July 1, 2000 brought many changes in the laws and regulations to the BSRB. New booklets for each BSRB profession have been printed. For your convenience the new statutes and regulations are available on our website. The board office staff can mail, E-mail or fax you a copy upon request.

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<i>Welcome to our two new members</i>	
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Investigation Information

Mark M. Mathies, Special Investigator

Since assuming my role as investigator for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board in November 1999 the Board has received 67 new complaints of which 26 remain open in the investigative stages of the process. The new complaints added to the backlog of 63 cases that were left open during the vacancy of the investigator position, bringing the total to 130 complaints processed. Within the backlog of complaints 9 of 24 complaints were pending from fiscal year 1998, 35 of 37 cases from fiscal year 1999 and 15 of 15 complaints from fiscal year 2000. Two other complaints were also pending from fiscal years 1996 and 1993. Of the backlog complaints, 18 remain open, bringing the total number of current complaints to 44.

Over a ten-month period, the Board closed 75 complaints, an average of 7.5 per month. Beginning in fiscal year 1998 through 2000 the Board received 3 complaints per month, a drop of 1.6 per month from the three years prior. Excluding personnel vacancies and long-term monitoring agreements between the board and licensees, the Board on average processes, investigates and concludes the disciplinary procedure in about six months; however, some take longer to process or can be processed very quickly depending on the circumstances and nature of the complaint. The investigative process has been over-hauled and streamlined to accommodate the time aspect of the process; however, there are a number of factors that are beyond the control of the board that contribute to delays.

The Board has also begun reporting to the Federal Healthcare Integrity and Practitioners Data Bank. The Board was mandated to report all Adverse Actions taken since August of 1996. An Adverse Action is essentially any official action taken by the Board, such as licensure denial and suspension or revocation of a license. Five Adverse Actions were reported to the data bank this summer.

Credentialing Corner

I would like to take this time to let all of you know how excited I am to be working at the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. During the last two months I have learned so much and have met so many wonderful people. I look forward to the many things yet to learn and the many tasks yet to complete. Thank you to all of you out there that have made me feel so welcome.

Jennifer Springer

Continuing Education Units

Jennifer Springer

The office has been receiving a large amount of questions regarding continuing education units. I thought this would be a good opportunity to share with you some of the common questions asked pertaining to CEU's.

Question: When do I need to start taking the six (6) CEU's of diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders?

Answer: Beginning January 1, 2002 for each renewal period, the licensee must complete six units of continuing education related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. The LBSW license holders are exempt from this. Usually, if the seminar/workshop is training &/or educating you on diagnosis and treatment it will count towards the diagnosis and treatment CEU requirement.

Question: I would like to complete an ethics CEU through a home study course. Will this be acceptable to the Board for my three CEU's required for renewal?

Answer: If you take a home study course for your ethics requirement, you must complete some type of evaluation. If you choose to attend a professional seminar or workshop for your ethics requirement an evaluation is not required.

Question: How can I know if a CEU will be approved by the BSRB?

Answer: The Board Office uses the following criteria when reviewing CEU workshops, seminars, etc. If the class pertains to your profession, and will enhance your practice skills, then you should receive CEU credit.

NOTE:

For your added information, BSRB is working on a list of pre-approved providers offering CEU's. We hope to have this completed and available to you soon.. ❖

Notes from the Director

Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director

TRANSITIONS

If you are currently an LMFT, LMLP or LPC, we want to remind you about the opportunity you may have to transition to the new clinical level of licensure. Letters were sent out several months ago regarding the qualifications needed for this transition. If you did not receive this information, you may contact the office and we can fax, e-mail or mail you this information.

For those of you who have applied for transitioning, you should have received your new license. If you have not received it, we are waiting for some additional information to arrive, or have just received your application in the last week.

RENEWALS

Many of you are asking about renewing your new clinical license. If you have an old form, you may use it and just write the correct license at the top. CEU'S do transfer to the clinical level of licensure and you may use those that have been accruing for the basic level.

TELEPHONE CALLS

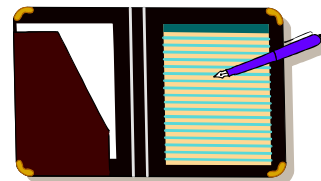
We continue to have a very high volume of telephone calls. While we are more than happy to talk with each of you, we would remind you of our e-mail addresses that are published elsewhere in the newsletter. We would also remind you that there is a lot of helpful information on our website www.ink.org/public/bsrb and encourage you to check it out. We welcome suggestions and improvements to the website.

MESSAGES/VOICE MAIL

If you have call blocker on your phone, as a state agency we are not able to leave you a message. If you are leaving us a message on our voice mail, please spell your last name and repeat you phone number. Lastly, just a reminder that cellular phones frequently cut out and sometimes even drop calls.

WALK-INS

Recently, we have had some applicants come into the office to obtain a new license or renew their current license while they wait. This is very difficult for the staff for many reasons. Reviewing is a time consuming process. Applications and renewals are reviewed in the order they were received.





NEW FACES AT BSRB

We have had several changes in staff the last few months.

Wendy Peters is now in charge of all renewals. She replaces Rita Erb. Wendy comes to us with 11 years of experience working with the Animal Health Department. Wendy is doing a great job of keeping renewals current and we are happy to have her with us.

Pat Martin replaced Debra Hughes. She is now one of our “veteran-new” faces. Pat is processing most of the new licensure applications. With May graduations she has been quite busy. However, the graduation surge is beginning to lessen. Pat is very thorough and diligent and we are proud to have her with us. Pat comes to us from being a school secretary in a private school.

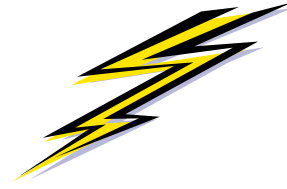
Jennifer Springer has replaced Judy Parker as the credentialing specialist. She comes to us with five years of experience with the State of Kansas. Jennifer has learned a great volume of information in a very short time and has gotten “up to speed” very quickly. She receives anywhere from ten to thirty phone calls a day. We ask that you leave a message for her if you are unable to reach her directly. She returns calls in chronological order. E-mail is another option to reach Jennifer- jspring@ink.org.

Billie Crow is our newest staff member. She will be support for all the administrative staff including the investigator and will also be helping with licensure tasks as needed. Billie comes to us with nearly 16 years as a secretary for a private local business. Billie’s pleasant demeanor is a great addition to the staff.

Mark Mathies resigned as our Investigator September 1, 2000 to become a Police Chief in a small town in North Central Kansas. We wish him the best.

Roger Scurlock is Mark’s replacement as the Investigator. He will begin on October 2, 2000. Roger comes highly recommended and is retired from the Topeka Police Department.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!



A number of mailings addressed to active licensees have been returned to the office on several occasions with no current or forwarding addresses. Please inform the Board Office immediately upon changing your address so that board updates, renewal notices and other forms can be delivered to you without delay and extra effort by the board staff. Thank you.

WE'RE CONNECTED!

Questions or Comments? Need information about applying for or transitioning a license? Need a complaint form? Visit our web site at:

www.ink.org/public/bsrb

Or call us at (785) 296-3240.

You can also Email your questions to any of the following addresses:

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The Complaint Counter:

FY	Total # of RAVs	LP	LMLP	LMFT	LPC	LBSW	LMSW	LSCSW	RAODAC
1991	42	21	5	*	*	6	4	4	*
1992	62	21	3	*	*	11	13	9	*
1993	51	17	5	*	*	7	9	9	*
1994	60	16	8	2	*	9	11	10	*
1995	68	12	4	1	4	16	10	20	*
1996	74	21	12	4	2	8	14	10	1
1997	27	9	2	1	1	4	3	7	0
1998	24	7	4	1	0	3	6	3	0
1999	37	13	1	3	0	9	13	11	0
2000	67	16	8	4	2	10	12	11	0
Total	512	153	52	16	9	83	95	94	1

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