

Post-Graduate Work Experience

By Leslie Allen

If you are considering working toward a clinical license, the following are some items to consider when looking at an employment setting.

- The setting needs to offer a broad range of practice.
- The setting needs to allow you, the supervisee, the opportunity to assess, diagnose and treat mental disorders. All three need to be included in your training.
- There needs to be a person on site who can supervise you or you will have to go outside of the agency and pay for supervision.
- It is also important to have the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues in other professions.

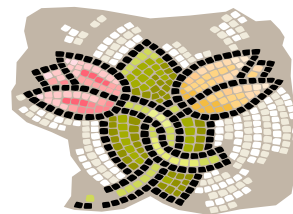
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Attention Supervisors

By Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director

Please take time to review the optional supervisory exam that is on the website under your respective profession.

Taking this exam is not a requirement to become a supervisor. However, the Board strongly encourages you to do so. It will help you to develop stronger supervisory skills. Remember, you should complete the exam under each of the professions you are supervising as each profession has somewhat different regulations.



Supervisors need to encourage supervisees to read their practice acts and regulations as well as being able to interpret them when necessary. It is important that you recognize, in many instances, you are assuming professional liability for your supervisees.

The Board is frequently asked by potential supervisees for the names of clinical supervisors. Therefore, we are in the process of compiling such a list. Please email your name to Maryann Peerenboom at the address below if you would like to be included on the list of supervisors that will be given out upon request.

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Please remember that when you have completed your post-graduate work experience and obtained your clinical license, you will have the authority to diagnose and treat mental disorders independently. You will not be required to have any supervision, so you need to be sure you receive the broadest training possible.

You must submit a training plan to the Board for pre-approval before you may begin to accrue hours for your clinical license. The Board will review your training plan and notify you in writing once it has been reviewed. If more information is requested the date of approval will be the same date the additions are received and approved by the Board. The Board is not able to back date your training plan.

Renewal Reminder

Renewals must be completed by the last day of your license expiration month. You may renew on-line, fax or place your renewal in the mail. Your renewal must be postmarked by the last day of the month or your license will expire.

The Board encourages you to renew **on-line**. It is **quick and easy!** No need for:

Pen
Paper
Postage



If you miss the deadline, you will be required to reinstate your license and will not be able to practice while your license is expired.

Please keep in mind the board office will process all renewals and reinstatements in the order they are received. If you require proof of your renewed license, please allow adequate time for your renewal to be processed and a new wallet card to be mailed to you.

Attention Psychologists

Renewal notices will be mailed out on the last day of March and you may begin to renew on-line as of April 1st.

There have been recent amendments to K.A.R. 102-1-5a and K.A.R. 102-1-12. You may wish to review these on our website www.ksbsrb.org

2006 Legislative Session

By Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director

The BSRB has requested introduction of two bills this legislative session.

SB 469 is related to offering an option for treatment of impaired licensees. The Board could allow a licensee to obtain an evaluation and possible treatment in lieu of or in combination with disciplinary action under the provisions of this bill.

SB 470 is related to changes in temporary licenses. The temporary license will be active for 6-12 months depending on the profession. This would allow the applicant time to sit for the national examination. No temporary licenses will be renewed or issued on any subsequent application for the same license level, unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the Board. The master level psychology temporary license is good for 24 months to enable them to acquire post-graduate hours. This bill would prevent individuals from practicing for an extended period of time without having taken and passed the national examination.

Both bills are available on our website. Changes enacted by either bill would not become effective prior to July 1, 2006.

Additionally, Representative Nancy Kirk has introduced HB 2660 which would add four new social workers to the Board. The Board has voted unanimously to oppose this bill.

There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life.

*Sister Mary Rose McGeady
Children's Advocate*

Introductions

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board is proud to introduce Leslie Allen as our new credentialing specialist. She replaced Jennifer Springer in August when Jennifer moved to another state agency. Leslie has been with the Board since February 1999 and her knowledge and expertise are highly valued.

Maryann Peerenboom is our new receptionist. She is also responsible for new Bachelors and Masters social work applications. Maryann is new to state employment and is doing a great job.

Have You Had A Dismissed Complaint?

Did you know a licensee may not be notified when a complaint is received against him/her?

A complaint is examined for jurisdiction when it is received. In order to meet jurisdictional requirements, the alleged action must be a violation of the statutes or regulations that the board administers.

Some complaints hinge on a single piece of evidence and the complaint may be closed after a brief preliminary investigation if the evidence does not support a violation.

The licensee is not notified if the complaint is dismissed for either of these reasons. You may wish to contact the board office if you need to know whether you have been the subject of a dismissed complaint.

If you have received information from the board that you were the subject of a complaint, you may be required to disclose this information if asked. This disclosure could result in your inability to renew online and there could be consequences in other areas of your professional life.

Please remember to periodically check the website for proposed amendments to regulations. They appear under public information as well as under the respective profession.

2005 Calendar Year Statistics

By Roger Scurlock

During the 2005 calendar year, 69 complaints were received and 4 were reopened after jurisdiction was regained. 66 complaints were closed.

There were 35 open complaints at the beginning of the year and 42 open complaints at the end, for a net increase of 7.

Complaints received by profession in 2005.

Profession	# Received	Percentage
LP	14	20.29%
LMLP	3	4.35%
LCP	2	2.90%
LMFT	2	2.90%
LCMFT	3	4.35%
LPC	3	4.35%
LCPC	4	5.80%
LASW	0	0.00%
LBSW	12	17.39%
LMSW	8	11.59%
LSCSW	12	17.39%
RAODAC	1	1.45%
No License	5	7.25%
Total	69	100.00%

Disciplinary actions which met the board's publication policy:

Betsy Vander Velde, LSCSW. Misstated required ethics CEUs on an application for renewal. License limited until March 12, 2006 regarding clinical supervision of licensees, supervision of unlicensed persons, and supervision of those attaining supervised experience in preparation for licensure.

Chelsea Larkin, LMSW. Failed to cooperate with the board in a timely manner in the investigation of a Report of Alleged Violation. License suspended indefinitely on December 23, 2005. Suspension stayed by an agreed order on January 20, 2006, pending an evidentiary hearing.

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

Open complaints as of March 1, 2006:

Profession	# Open	Percentage
LP	5	13.16%
LMLP	0	0.00%
LCP	3	7.89%
LMFT	1	2.63%
LCMFT	2	5.26%
LPC	3	7.89%
LCPC	2	5.26%
LASW	0	0.00%
LBSW	5	13.16%
LMSW	6	15.79%
LSCSW	8	21.05%
RAODAC	1	2.63%
No License	2	5.26%
Total	38	100.00%

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KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED

Please remember to keep the board advised of any changes related to your contact information. This includes a new telephone number, email address, or place of employment as well as your home address.

ESAR-VHP

The **E**mergency **S**ystem for the **A**dvan**R**egistration of **V**olunteer **H**ealth **P**rofessionals (**ESAR-VHP**) is a standardized, volunteer registration system to assist with both in-state and cross state-line movement of volunteer health professionals to assist with emergencies and disasters. This project will be coordinated with ongoing development of local volunteer registries.

The Board will be adding a question to the renewal and new application forms asking if you would like your name to be placed in a database of potential disaster volunteers.



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