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**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PERMANENT REGULATIONS  
for  
SOCIAL WORK**

***K.A.R. 102-2-4a and 102-2-12***

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board will conduct a public hearing from 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. on Monday, July 11, 2011 in the board conference room at 712 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, to consider adopting proposed amendments to permanent rules and regulations for Social Work.

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](mailto: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 statement 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 Leslie Allen, Licensing Specialist 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 regulations 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](http://www.ksbsrb.org) under public information. The following is a summary of the proposed amendments 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. 102-2-4a** contains the continuing education requirements for Social Work licensees. The amendment clarifies the types of continuing education experiences which may be used to meet the social worker safety awareness requirement.

**Economic impact:** There would be no economic impact to the licensees of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, the public, nor any other entity.

**K.A.R. 102-2-12** contains the requirements for specialist clinical social work licensure. The amendment clarifies the types of practice activities and types of clients needed to meet requirements for clinical licensure.

**Economic impact:** There would be no economic impact to the licensees of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, the public, nor any other entity.



**102-2-4a. Continuing education for licensees.** (a) During each two-year renewal period, each licensee shall complete 40 units of documented and board-approved continuing education oriented to the enhancement of a social worker's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge during each two-year renewal period. Continuing education units accumulated in excess of the 40-unit requirement shall not be carried over to the next renewal period.

(b) As part of the 40 continuing education units required for each renewal cycle, each applicant for renewal or reinstatement of a license shall complete a program on professional ethics consisting of not less than a total of three units. Each ethics program shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Fall within one of the types of continuing education experiences listed in subsection ~~(e)~~(f), except for those identified in paragraphs ~~(e)~~(f)(5), (6), (7), (8), (12), and (13);

(2) focus on ethical issues of the behavioral sciences; and

(3) be clearly related to the enhancement of social work practice, values, skills, and knowledge.

(c) ~~Beginning January 1, 2002,~~ As part of the 40 continuing education units required for each renewal cycle, each applicant for renewal or reinstatement of a license as a master social worker or a specialist clinical social worker shall complete not less than a total of six units of continuing education related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. The continuing education units shall meet the following requirements:



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(1) Fall within one of the types of continuing education experiences listed in subsection ~~(e)~~ (f), except for those identified in paragraphs ~~(e)~~(f)(5), (6), (7), (8), (12), and (13); and

(2) relate to the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders consistent with the principles and values of the social work profession.

(d) The six units of continuing education on social worker safety awareness training required by K.S.A. 65-6313, and amendments thereto, shall fall within one of the types of continuing education experiences listed in subsection (f), except for those identified in paragraphs (f)(5), (7), (8), (12), and (13).

(e) One unit shall consist of a minimum of 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant or a minimum of an actual hour of other types of acceptable continuing education experiences listed in subsection ~~(e)~~(f).

~~(e)~~(f) Acceptable continuing education, as defined in K.A.R. 102-2-1a and whether taken within the state or outside the state, shall include the following types of experiences:

(1) An academic social work course or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of social work for academic credit. Each licensee shall be granted 15 continuing education hours for each academic credit hour that the licensee successfully completes. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(2) an academic social work course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of a social worker's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge, that is audited. Continuing education credit shall be computed on the basis of the actual

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contact time that the licensee spends attending the course, up to a maximum of 15 hours for each academic credit hour. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(3) a program, seminar, institute, workshop, or minicourse. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(4) if a posttest is provided, an activity consisting of completing a computerized interactive learning module, viewing a telecast or videotape, listening to an audiotape, or reading. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(5) if a posttest is not provided, an activity consisting of completing a computerized interactive learning module, viewing a telecast or videotape, listening to an audiotape, or reading. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

(6) a cross-disciplinary offering in medicine, law, the behavioral sciences, a foreign or sign language, a computer science, professional or technical writing, business administration, management sciences, or other disciplines if the offering is clearly related to the enhancement of social work practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

(7) a self-directed learning project approved by the board. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

(8) supervision of undergraduate and graduate practicum students or specialty applicants. Continuing education credit for this supervision shall not exceed four



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continuing education hours per semester. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 16;

(9) a program presented by an approved program provider. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(10) a single program approved by the board. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(11) the first-time preparation and presentation of a social work course, seminar, institute, or workshop, or the substantial revision and presentation of a social work course, seminar, institute, or workshop. Ten hours may be given for each initial preparation and presentation and for each substantial revision. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 20;

(12) the preparation of a professional social work article published for the first time in a recognized professional journal, a book chapter published by a recognized publisher, or a written presentation given for the first time at a statewide or national professional meeting. If more than one licensee or other professional authored the material, the continuing education credit shall be prorated among the authors. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10; and

(13) participation in a professional organization or appointment to the board of directors of a professional organization, if the goals of the organization or board are clearly related to the enhancement of social work practice, skills, values, and knowledge. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 12 and shall not exceed six continuing education hours per year.

(f) (g) Approval shall not be granted for any of the following:

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(1) Identical programs if the programs are completed within the same license renewal period;

(2) first aid, CPR, or infection control, ~~or occupational health and safety~~ courses;

(3) in-service training if the training is for job orientation or on-the-job training, or is specific to the employing agency; or

(4) any activity for which the licensee cannot demonstrate that the program's goals and objectives reasonably appear to enhance the licensee's social work practice, knowledge, values, skills, or ethics.

~~(g)~~ (h) Each licensee shall maintain individual continuing education records. Continuing education records shall document the licensee's attendance as required by K.A.R. 102-2-5. In addition to the specific submission requirements set forth in K.A.R. 102-2-11, any licensee may be required to submit these records to the board before the license renewal. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-7507; implementing K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-6313 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-7507; effective, T-85-36, Dec. 19, 1984; effective May 1, 1985; amended May 1, 1986; amended Feb. 25, 1991; amended Oct. 24, 1997; amended Aug. 4, 2000; amended July 11, 2003; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**102-2-12. Licensed specialist clinical social work licensure requirements. (a)**

Educational requirements. In order for an applicant who earns a degree before July 1, 2003 to qualify for licensure as a licensed specialist clinical social worker, the applicant shall meet, as a part of or in addition to the educational requirements provided in K.S.A. 65-6306, and amendments thereto, the following educational requirements:

(1) Satisfactory completion of at least three graduate academic hours in a discrete academic course whose primary and explicit focus is upon psychopathology and the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders classified in the diagnostic manuals commonly used as a part of accepted social work practice;

(2) satisfactory completion of a graduate-level, clinically oriented social work practicum that fulfills these requirements:

(A) Is taken after completion of the graduate-level, clinically focused academic courses that are prerequisite to entering the clinical practicum;

(B) is an integrated, conceptually organized academic experience and is not an after-the-fact tabulation of clinical experience;

(C) occurs in a practice setting that, by its nature and function, clearly supports clinical social work practice and consistently provides opportunities for the supervised application of clinical social work practice knowledge, skills, values, and ethics; and

(D) provides training and close supervision in a wide range of clinical social work practice activities with a population of clients presenting a diverse set of problems and backgrounds.

(b) Each applicant for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker who earns a degree on or after July 1, 2003 shall meet the following requirements:



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(1) Satisfactory completion of 15 graduate-level credit hours supporting diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders using the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. Three of the 15 credit hours shall consist of a discrete academic course whose primary and explicit focus is upon psychopathology and the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders as classified in the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders. The 15 graduate-level credit hours shall be from a social work program accredited by the council on social work education or a social work program in substantial compliance as prescribed in K.A.R. 102-2-6 and approved by the board; and

(2) completion of one of the following experience requirements:

(A) A graduate-level, supervised clinical practicum of professional experience that includes psychotherapy and assessment. The practicum shall integrate diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as identified in K.A.R. 102-2-14 and shall include not less than 350 hours of direct client contact; or

(B) postgraduate supervised experience including psychotherapy and assessment. The experience shall integrate diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, as specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. The experience shall consist of not less than 700 hours of supervised experience, including not less than 350 hours of direct client contact. This experience shall be in addition to the 4,000 hours of postgraduate, supervised experience required for each licensed specialist clinical social worker, as specified in subsection (c). The applicant shall provide documentation of this postgraduate experience on board-

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approved forms. The supervision shall comply with K.A.R. 102-2-8 and K.A.R. 102-2-12(c) and shall be in addition to the supervision requirements in K.A.R. 102-2-12(c)(4).

(c) Each applicant for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker shall fulfill the following requirements:

(1) Develop and co-sign with the supervisor a clinical supervision training plan for the postgraduate supervised clinical experience required under K.S.A. 65-6306 and amendments thereto, on forms provided by the board. The applicant shall submit this plan to the board for consideration for approval before beginning clinical supervision. The clinical supervision training plan shall comply with K.A.R. 102-2-8. If changes or amendments to the plan occur after initial board approval, these changes or amendments shall be submitted to the board for consideration for approval;

(2) complete, in not less than two years and not more than six years, a minimum of 4,000 hours of satisfactorily evaluated postgraduate, supervised clinical social work practice experience under the supervision of a qualified licensed specialist clinical social worker. A minimum of 2,000 hours of the applicant's total postgraduate, supervised clinical experience shall consist of a combination of the following types of social work services, which shall include a wide range of clinical social work practice activities with a population of clients presenting a diverse set of problems and backgrounds:

(A) At least 1,500 hours of direct client contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments with individuals, couples, families, or groups; and

(B) up to 500 hours of providing clinical social work practice services;

(3) complete all required practice under supervision in accordance with K.A.R. 102-2-8; and



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(4) participate in a minimum of 100 supervisory meetings consisting of not less than 150 hours of clinical supervision. A minimum of 75 hours of the 150 required hours of supervision shall be individual supervision, of which at least 50 hours shall be obtained in person. The remainder of the 150 required hours may be obtained in person or, if confidentiality is technologically protected, by videoconferencing. Each applicant using videoconferencing shall provide written verification of the technological security measure implemented. The supervision shall integrate the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with the use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. A maximum of two hours of supervision shall be counted for each 20 hours of clinical social work practice.

(d) At the time of the individual's application for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker, the applicant's supervisor shall submit documentation that is satisfactory to the board and that enables the board to evaluate the nature, quality, and quantity of the applicant's supervised clinical social work experience. This documentation shall include the following information:

(1) A written summary of the types of clients and situations dealt with during the supervisory sessions;

(2) a written summary that addresses the degree to which the goals and objectives of supervision have been met;

(3) a written statement and supportive documentation that describes the applicant's practice setting and provides a summary of the applicant's practice activities and responsibilities that occurred while under supervision;

(4) a statement indicating whether or not the applicant merits the public trust; and

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(5) an evaluation of the applicant's supervised clinical social work experience.

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**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR  
AMENDMENTS TO  
SOCIAL WORK REGULATIONS**

***K.A.R. 102-2-4a and 102-2-12***

***I. Brief Description of the Proposed Regulation Amendments and what is intended to be accomplished by their adoption.***

**K.A.R. 102-2-4a** contains the continuing education requirements for Social Work licensees. The amendment clarifies the types of continuing education experiences which may be used to meet the social worker safety awareness requirement.

**K.A.R. 102-2-12** contains the requirements for licensed specialist clinical social work licensure. The amendment clarifies the types of practice activities and clients needed to meet requirements for clinical licensure.

**II. Whether or Not the Proposed Regulation Amendments are Mandated by Federal Law**

- A. Federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program does not mandate the proposed regulatory amendments.
- B. There is no applicable federal law related to the proposed regulatory amendments.

**III. Anticipated Economic Impact of the Proposed Regulation Amendments**

- A. There would be no economic impact to the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board from the proposed regulation changes.
- B. There would be no economic impact to other governmental agencies from the proposed regulation change.
- C. There would be no economic impact to private citizens of Kansas from the proposed regulation changes.
- D. There would be no economic impact to licensees of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board from the proposed regulation changes.

**IV. Less Costly or Less Intrusive Methods Considered and Rejected.**

- A. We are not aware of any less costly or less intrusive method of change to make the proposed changes.
- B. The proposed regulation changes have no economic impact related to environmental rules and regulations.

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- C. The proposed regulation changes have no effect on revenues of cities, counties, or school districts.
- D. The proposed regulation changes have no effect on responsibilities of cities, counties, or school districts that will increase their expenditures or fiscal liability.



