

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Attorney General

Article 12.—Batterer Intervention Program Requirements and Certification

16-12-2. Definitions.

Words or phrases used in this article or in the batterer intervention program certification act but not defined in this regulation shall have the same definition as specified in the batterer intervention program certification act or in K.S.A. 21-5111, and amendments thereto. Each of the following terms, as used in this article, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation: (a) "Batterer" means any person who uses a pattern of abusive and coercive behavior to dominate and control an intimate partner, a former intimate partner, a household member, or a family member.

(b) "Continuing education" means formally organized programs or activities that are designed for and have content intended to enhance the knowledge, skill, values, ethics, and ability to practice as an "agent or employee thereof," as defined by L. 2012, ch. 162, sec. 13 and amendments thereto.

(c) "Controlled substance" means any drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in any of the schedules designated in K.S.A. 65-4105, 65-4107, 65-4109, 65-4111, and 65-4113, and amendments thereto.

(d) "Remedial or other requirements" means either of the following:

(1) Completion of additional education or training for agents or employees to address the concerns identified by the attorney general; or

(2) changes to the structure of the program to address the concerns identified by the attorney general.

(e) "Supervisee" means an agent or employee of a certified batterer intervention program who receives instruction or direction for the purpose of development of responsibility, skill, knowledge, attitudes, and ethical standards of practice in batterer intervention services from a batterer intervention program director, program supervisor, or program coordinator.

(f) "Unprofessional conduct," for an agent or employee who is not licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board, means any of the following acts:

(1) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a certification or temporary permit by means of fraud, bribery, deceit, misrepresentation, or concealment of a material fact;

(2) failing to notify the attorney general within 10 days, unless the person shows good cause, that any one of the following conditions applies to an agent or employee:

(A) Had a professional license, credential, permit, registration, or certification limited, conditioned, qualified, restricted, suspended, revoked, refused by the proper regulatory authority in Kansas or of another state, territory, or the District of Columbia. A certified copy of the action taken by the jurisdiction shall be conclusive evidence of this action;

(B) has voluntarily surrendered a professional license, credential, permit, registration, or certification while a complaint or investigation is pending by the proper regulatory authority;

(C) has been demoted, terminated, suspended, reassigned, or asked to resign from employment, or has resigned from employment, for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance; or

(D) has been convicted of a felony;

(3) knowingly allowing another individual to use one's permit or certification unlawfully;

(4) impersonating another individual holding a permit or certification;

(5) having been convicted of a crime resulting from or relating to the provision of certified batterer intervention services;

(6) furthering the certification or permit application of another person who is known to be unqualified with respect to character, education, or other relevant eligibility requirements according to K.A.R. 16-12-4;

(7) knowingly aiding or abetting anyone who does not have certification or a permit to represent that individual as a person who does have certification or a permit;

(8) failing or refusing to cooperate in a timely manner with any request from the attorney general for a response or assistance with respect to the attorney general's investigation of any report of an alleged violation of the batterer intervention program certification act or any law filed against any agent or employee or any other applicant. It

shall be prima facie evidence of failing or refusing to cooperate within this subsection if a person takes longer than 30 days to provide the requested response, information, or assistance, unless the person shows good cause;

(9) offering to perform or performing services outside the scope of one's training, education, and competency;

(10) treating any offender, victim, or supervisee in a cruel manner, including the intentional infliction of pain or suffering;

(11) discriminating against any offender, victim, or supervisee on the basis of color, race, gender, religion, national origin, age, or disability;

(12) failing to provide each offender with a description of services, consultation, reports, fees, billing, intervention regimen, or schedule, or failing to reasonably comply with these descriptions;

(13) failing to inform each offender or supervisee of any financial interests that might accrue to the provider from referral to any other service or from the use of any tests, books, or apparatus;

(14) failing to inform each offender, victim, and supervisee of the purposes for which information is obtained, the manner in which the information may be used, and the limits of confidentiality regarding the provision of batterer intervention services;

(15) revealing information, a confidence, or secret of any victim, or failing to protect the confidences, secrets, or information contained in a victim's records, except when at least one of the following conditions is met:

(A) Disclosure is required by law;

(B) disclosure is authorized by law because the confidential information shows that the person could seriously harm an individual or the public; or

(C) the provider, or the provider's employee or agent, is a party to a civil, criminal, or disciplinary investigation or action arising from the batterer intervention program practice, in which case disclosure shall be limited to that action;

(16) failing to protect the confidences of, secrets of, or information concerning other persons when providing an offender with access to that offender's records;

(17) engaging in professional activities, including billing practices and advertising, involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;

(18) using alcohol or illegally using any controlled substance while performing duties or services as a batterer intervention provider;

(19) making sexual advances toward, engaging in physical intimacies or sexual activities with, or exercising undue influence over any person who, within the past 24 months, has been a victim or offender receiving batterer intervention services, or a victim or offender's known family members;

(20) exercising undue influence over any victim, offender, or supervisee, including promoting sales of services or goods, in a manner that will exploit the person or persons for the purpose of financial gain, personal gratification, or advantage of oneself or a third party;

(21) directly or indirectly offering or giving to a third party or soliciting, receiving, or agreeing to receive from a third party any fee or other consideration for the referral of the victim or offender;

(22) permitting any person to share in the fees for professional services, other than a partner, employee, an associate in a professional firm, or a consultant providing batterer intervention services;

(23) soliciting or assuming professional responsibility for offenders served by another batterer intervention program without informing and attempting to coordinate continuity of offender services with that program;

(24) making claims of professional superiority that one cannot substantiate;

(25) guaranteeing that satisfaction or a cure will result from the performance of professional services;

(26) claiming or using any secret or special method of intervention or techniques that one refuses to divulge to the attorney general;

(27) continuing or ordering tests, procedures, interventions, or services not warranted by the condition or best interests of the offender;

(28) failing to maintain for each offender and victim a record that conforms to the following minimal standards:

(A) Contains a unique identifying number or other method for specific identification of the offender and victim;

(B) indicates the offender's initial reason for seeking the provider's services;

(C) contains specific information concerning the offender's condition, including the Kansas attorney general domestic violence offender assessment, affidavits, police reports, and other documents related to criminal activity as allowed by law and available to the provider;

(D) summarizes the intervention, tests, procedures, and services that were obtained, performed, ordered, or recommended and the findings and results of each;

(E) documents the offender's progress during the course of intervention;

(F) contains only those terms and abbreviations that are comprehensible to similar professional practitioners;

(G) indicates the date and nature of any professional service that was provided; and

(H) describes the manner and process by which the professional relationship terminated;

(29) taking credit for work not performed personally, whether by giving inaccurate or misleading information or by failing to disclose accurate or material information;

(30) making or filing a report that one knows to be erroneous, incomplete, or misleading;

(31) failing to retain offender's records for at least two years after the date of termination of the professional relationship, unless otherwise provided by law;

(32) failing to exercise supervision over any supervisee;

(33) failing to inform an offender if services are provided or delivered under supervision or direction;

(34) engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any relationship in which the objectivity or competency of the provider may become impaired or compromised due to any of the following present, previous, or future relationships with a victim, offender, or supervisee:

(A) Familial;

(B) sexual;

(C) emotional; or

(D) financial; or

(35) using without a temporary permit or certification, or continuing to use after the expiration of a permit or certification, any title or abbreviation prescribed by the attorney general for use only by those with a current temporary permit or certification.

(g)"Unprofessional conduct," for an agent or employee who is licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board, means any of the following acts:

(1) Any determination by the behavioral sciences regulatory board of a violation of laws or regulations related to one's licensure. A certified copy of the action taken by the behavioral sciences regulatory board shall be sufficient evidence of this action;

(2) obtaining or attempting to obtain a certification or temporary permit by means of fraud, bribery, deceit, misrepresentation, or concealment of a material fact;

(3) failing to notify the attorney general of any complaint, investigation, or finding regarding the licensee within 10 days, unless the person shows good cause;

(4)failing to notify the attorney general within 10 days, unless the person shows good cause, that any one of the following conditions applies to the licensee:

(A) Has been demoted, terminated, suspended, reassigned, or asked to resign from employment, or has resigned from employment, for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance; or

(B) has been convicted of a felony;

(5)knowingly allowing another individual to use one's temporary permit or certification unlawfully;

(6)impersonating another individual holding a temporary permit or certification;

(7)having been convicted of a crime resulting from or relating to the provision of certified batterer intervention program services;

(8)furthering the certification or permit application of another person who is known to be unqualified with respect to character, education, or other relevant eligibility requirements;

(9)knowingly aiding or abetting anyone who does not have certification or a permit to represent that individual as a person who does have certification or a permit;

(10) failing or refusing to cooperate in a timely manner with any request from the attorney general for a response or assistance with respect to the attorney general's investigation of any report of an alleged violation of the batterer intervention program certification act or any law filed against any agent or employee or any other applicant. It shall be prima facie evidence of failing or refusing to cooperate within this subsection if a person takes longer than 30 days to provide the requested response, information, or

assistance, unless the person shows good cause or receives an extension by the attorney general;

(11) revealing information, a confidence, or secret of any victim, or failing to protect the confidences, secrets, or information contained in a victim's records, unless one of these conditions is met:

(A) Disclosure is required by law;

(B) disclosure is authorized by law because the confidential information shows that the person could seriously harm an individual or the public; or

(C) the provider, or the agent or employee of the provider, is a party to a civil, criminal, or disciplinary investigation or action arising from the batterer intervention program practice, in which case disclosure shall be limited to that action;

(12) claiming or using any secret or special method of intervention or techniques that one refuses to divulge to the attorney general;

(13) failing to maintain for each offender and victim a record that conforms to the following minimal standards:

(A) Contains a unique identifying number or other method for specific identification of the offender and victim;

(B) indicates the offender's initial reason for seeking the provider's services;

(C) contains specific information concerning the offender's condition, including the "Kansas attorney general domestic violence offender assessment form," affidavits, police reports, and other documents related to criminal activity as allowed by law and available to the provider;

(D) summarizes the intervention, tests, procedures, and services that were obtained, performed, ordered, or recommended and the findings and results of each;

(E) documents the offender's progress during the course of intervention;

(F) contains only those terms and abbreviations that are comprehensible to similar professional practitioners;

(G) indicates the date and nature of any professional service that was provided; and

(H) describes the manner and process by which the professional relationship terminated; or

(14) using without a temporary permit or certification, or continuing to use after the expiration of a permit or certification, any title or abbreviation prescribed by the attorney general for use only by those with a current permit or certification.

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