

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

MINUTES

March 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. through virtual video and audio conferencing and declared a quorum.

Board Members Present:

Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Board Chair
George Brenner, MS, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW
Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, Board Chair, SW Section Chair, Board Designee
Rex Stockton, Ed. D., LMHC, LCSW, LMFT
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O., Psychiatric Physician Member
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Members Not Present:

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Adam Harvey, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Brenner/Gardner
Motion carried 8-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board minutes are not available for review.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Amy Holbert, LCAC, License No. 87900030A

Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0004

Re: Petition for Summary Suspension and Voluntary Summary Suspension Agreement

Parties Present:

Respondent not present
Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General for the State

Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Mr. Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Mr. Viehweg, LSW
Dr. Stockton, Ed.D., LMHC
Mr. Brenner, LCAC
Mr. Harner, LCSW
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O., Psychiatric Physician Member
Mr. Gardner, LMFT
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or around August 23, 2021, Ms. Holbert's nursing license was placed on indefinite probation based on diversion of controlled substances, fraud, or material deception in the course of professional services. On March 25, 2015, Ms. Holbert's probation was withdrawn from her nursing license. On December 5, 2016, her nursing license was indefinitely suspended for a minimum of one (1) year due to her failure to comply with her ISNAP program, fraud, and continuance to work despite her addiction and/or abuse of medications. On August 7, 2019, Ms. Holbert's nursing license was reinstated on indefinite probation with requirements to be enrolled in the ISNAP program for no less than a continuous three years. Ms. Holbert submitted an application for Clinical Addiction Counselor on or about September 26, 2019 and appeared before the Board to discuss her history on or about December 2, 2019 to discuss her nursing license prior to the issuance of her Clinical Addiction Counselor License. During her enrollment of the ISNAP program Ms. Holbert failed to comply and was summarily suspended from her nursing license. Ms. Holbert was randomly screened and came back with two (2) positive results. She additionally missed nine (9) check ins and was dismissed from the ISNAP program due to noncompliance. Ms. Holbert is currently enrolled in treatment. The State attested that she is a clear and present danger to the public, and requests that her clinical addiction counselor license be suspended for at least sixty (60) days.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary suspension agreement.

Harner/Gardner
Motion carried 7-0-0

- B. Michele R. (Burkholder) Champion, LMHC, License No. 39002794A**
Cause No. 2019 BHSB 0007
Re: Petition to Withdraw Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Nick Hart, Deputy Attorney General for the State
Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Mr. Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Mr. Viehweg, LSW

Dr. Stockton, Ed.D., LMHC
Mr. Brenner, LCAC
Mr. Harner, LCSW
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O., Psychiatric Physician Member
Mr. Gardner, LMFT
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about August 30, 2019, Ms. Champion was placed on indefinite Probation for no less than eighteen (18) months with the following terms:

- Keep the Board informed of her residential address and phone number
- Keep the Board informed of her employer, employer address, and employer phone number
- Must appear before the Board every six months until probation is withdrawn. Prior to the withdraw of the probation, Ms. Champion must appear at least three (3) meeting dates.
- Complete and submit twenty (20) hours of Continuing Education in Group Work, Family Work, Documentation, and Ethics in addition to the current renewal requirements. Five (5) of the CE must be in ethics.
- If Ms. Champion is working as a LMHC, she shall be supervised by a clinical practitioner who holds a current license issued by the Board. Her supervisor must then submit reports every six (6) months to the Board updating them on her professional competence.
- Ms. Champion must not violate and statue and rule of the State of Indiana.
- Must pay a \$5.00 fee to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

Ms. Champion submitted a written request on or about November 23, 2020, to withdraw her probation status as she had indicated she has met all her terms. Ms. Champion stated that she has been working at Seven County Services throughout her probation as a case manager under the supervision of Ms. Christina Gaines who is an LCSW. Ms. Gaines submitted positive reports and stated that Ms. Champion has needed no disciplinary actions at work. Ms. Gaines has submitted two reports for Ms. Champion, and Ms. Champion indicated that was all that was required per her probationary order. She informed the Board that if a third report was required, she can have one submitted. The State inquired what she had learned after completing the additional continuing education courses. Ms. Champion stated that she has learned the importance of finishing a report within twenty-four (24) hours and that it is important that you document what you say and what you do for clients. It helped reinforce accountability of what occurred. Ms. Champion indicated that the course allowed her to be truer to herself and her profession. The Board asked if she understands the risk of poor documentation. Ms. Champion stated that she knows that if her reports are not accurate, that client could be misdiagnosed, and that any other professional following up would not have an accurate view of their history. Ms. Champion stated that if the probation on her mental health counselor license was withdrawn, she would pursue employment as Lifespring in Southern Indiana.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Champion's request to withdraw her probation status.

Harner/Stockton

Motion carried 8-0-0

C. Elizabeth Ann Marshall, LCSW, License No. 34008534A

Cause No. 2019 BHSB 0002

Re: Petition to Withdraw Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General for the State

Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Mr. Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)

Mr. Viehweg, LSW

Dr. Stockton, Ed.D., LMHC

Mr. Brenner, LCAC

Mr. Harner, LCSW

Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O., Psychiatric Physician Member

Mr. Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: Ms. Marshall was placed on probation on May 21, 2019, due to the responses on her application for licensure and that a previous clinical social work license was revoked by the Board in 2006. Her terms of probation were as follows:

- Shall remain on probation for no less than one (1) year.
- Keep the Board informed of her residential address and phone number
- Shall not violate any laws or regulations governing the practice of clinical social work.
- Shall be restricted to clients over the age of eighteen years.
- Shall make four quarterly personal appearances before the Board.
- Shall have weekly clinical supervision by a licensed clinical social worker, another provider holding a clinical license, a licensed psychologist, or a license psychiatrist. Applicant must have at least one (1) year of supervised clinical practice prior to petitioning for withdrawal of probation.
- Shall cause her supervisor to submit quarterly reports detailing her job skills and performance.
- Shall submit to the Board a copy of the Probation Order signed by her supervisor within fifteen (15) days of employment.
- Shall have her CE for the current renewal period be in the areas of boundaries and ethics. She must then submit the certificate of completion to the Board.

Ms. Marshall stated in her probationary appearances before the Board, because of her probation terms, she did have trouble finding employment. She did not find employment until the end of 2019. She has been employed at Majestic Care from 2019 to now under the supervision of Tim Gardner, LMHC. Ms. Marshall stated that her employer and supervisor have submitted their reports and she is asking for the probation status to be withdrawn. Ms. Marshall explained that her employment at

Majestic Care was that of a case worker, and that Mr. Gardner would review her case files with her. He is not there when she is with clients, but she does submit weekly reports to him. Ms. Marshall expressed that ~~previously she did not have good boundaries as she always strived to go above and beyond for her clients. This~~ **but this** caused her boundary issues. ~~and~~ She now has clearer boundaries between her and her clients. ~~She stated~~ **and said** that the boundaries allow her clients to have control with their improvement. Ms. Marshall stated that she submitted quarterly reports but did state that the fourth report was a summary as COVID impacted that report. She has appeared four times before the Board, has had no legal issues, is not licensed in another State, and submitted the continuing education certificates to IPLA. The State concluded that they would have no objection **with** the withdrawal of the probation status.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Marshall's petition to withdrawal of probation.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 8/0/0

D. David Michael Moore, LCSW, License No. 34007612A

Cause No. 2016 BHSB 0015

Re: Petition to Withdraw Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General for the State

Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Mr. Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)

Mr. Viehweg, LSW

Dr. Stockton, Ed.D., LMHC

Mr. Brenner, LCAC

Mr. Harner, LCSW

Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O., Psychiatric Physician Member

Mr. Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: Mr. Moore was initially placed on Probation on August 24, 2016, in response to his action taken during his employment. The terms of the probation were the following:

- Shall not petition to withdraw the probation prior to April 14, 2018.
- Shall keep the Board informed of any change in his home address, telephone number, email address, or place of employment
- No violate any laws regulating the practice of clinical social work
- Shall make quarterly personal appearances before the Board.
- Shall practice under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker
- Shall provide a copy of the Order, including exhibits, to his supervisor and shall submit a copy of this order signed by the supervisor to the Board.

- Shall cause his supervisor to submit quarterly reports to the Board advising the Board of the Applicant's professional competence, sense of responsibility, work habits, mental attitude, and ability to work with others.
- Shall complete twenty (20) hours of CE per renewal cycle in the areas of ethics, trauma, and boundaries.

Mr. Moore is currently employed with Structural Steel Services since 2018. He has not been employed in the field of social work since that time. Mr. Moore stated that the probation status has made gaining employment in the field difficult. Mr. Moore also confirmed that in 2018 he was not able to request withdraw of his probation as he had plead guilty to a class B misdemeanor and the Board extended his probation. Mr. Moore explained that during that time he was employed at a job where he was on call 24/7. He was married, now divorced, with three children under the age of five which compounded his stress levels. There was a conflict in his home where he had been drinking and touched his former spouse in anger. He was then subsequently charged with battery. He had been employed at Lifeline at the time and was working under supervision. He could not remain at Lifeline after that incident as he could not pass the DCS background check. He was terminated from that position. After his charges, he was no longer working in the social work field and obtained a job at Structural Steel Services. Mr. Moore stated that that he did complete his 20 hours of continuing education required for 2019 but has not completed any other continuing education courses. The Board stated that he must complete 40 hours of CE for each renewal cycle. Mr. Moore stated he is currently participating in counseling with Faith Spaulding, LCSW, LCAC, for the past year. He sees her twice a month. The State asked if Mr. Moore had completed a substance abuse evaluation. Mr. Moore stated that he had one completed per the terms of the court in 2018 by Daniel Seitz, LCSW, LCAC, LMFT. Mr. Moore stated he did participate in Celebrate Recovery from 2018 to 2019 but he stopped going to that support group when his children moved out of State. He stated that since it took him longer to visit his children he stopped going. He did attend a divorced care support group, but those meetings also conflicted with the time he got to spend with his children. With all the conflicts he switched to therapy sessions. He only drinks once or twice a month, and he never drinks alone. He is currently planning to move to Michigan to be closer to his children. He would like to obtain a Michigan license, but he wants to address the issues on his Indiana license first. His current support system is his Church community, family, and friends. Mr. Moore stated that in order to keep up to date on current professional practices he speaks to colleagues through LinkedIn, and he watches YouTube videos of professionals. Mr. Moore stated that his criminal probation has been completed and he has addressed all issues set by the courts. The Board addressed concerns that Mr. Moore has been in the social work field since 2018, so they cannot properly verify his clinical skills. Mr. Moore stated that he did complete the required clinical work under supervision when he worked for Lifeline. Mr. Moore stated that prior to that he had been working in the social work field for 10 years which shows that he is a competent social worker. He stated that to ease himself back into the profession he would take a low stress social work job, such as a school social worker. The State concluded that in order for Mr. Moore to withdraw from probation, he must show the burden of proof that he has met all requirements. The State does not feel that Mr. Moore has met his burden, as he is still showing boundary issues with his former spouse and kids. He has not had a recent evaluation done that would show if he still had any issues with alcohol, and there is no recent work history in the field of social work that shows he is competent to practice. He has not maintained the current continuing education required for license renewal. The State recommended that the Board not grant his request for withdraw of probation, but instead modify the probation due to new evidence.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Mr. Moore's request for withdrawal of probation.

Harner/Brenner

Motion carried 7/1/0 (Gardner not present)

E. Melissa Truax, LCSW, LCAC, License No. 34005276A, 87000532A
Cause No. 2020 BHSB 0014
Re: Petition to Withdraw Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Nick Hart, Deputy Attorney General for the State
Lindy Myer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Mr. Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Mr. Viehweg, LSW
Dr. Stockton, Ed.D., LMHC
Mr. Brenner, LCAC
Mr. Harner, LCSW
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O., Psychiatric Physician Member
Mr. Gardner, LMFT
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about August 10, 2020, Ms. Truax was placed on probation due to her pending criminal charges that she disclosed on her license renewal. Ms. Truax stated that her criminal charges occurred due to her undiagnosed mental illness at the time. Ms. Truax's probation terms are the following:

- May request to withdraw probation after her criminal charges are resolved and she successfully completes any criminal probation or other sentence imposed.
- Attend a hearing to withdraw probation
- Shall keep the Board up to date on any change in her home address, telephone number, email address, place of employment, or occupation title.
- Shall make quarterly appearances before the Board.
- Shall not consume alcohol during probationary period.
- Shall follow the treatment recommendations of her psychiatrist and other treating mental health professionals.
- Shall submit quarterly reports from her treating psychiatrist or other treating mental health professional describing respondent's progress in treatment, with a focus on any issues that would impact Ms. Truax's professional practice.

Ms. Truax stated that she has been employed since July 2020 at Buckingham and Associates as a mental health therapist. She handles mostly individual counseling for adjustment related disorders and meets with her supervisor Dr. David Buckingham once a week to go over case files. She has kept her employer updated on her criminal matters. Ms. Truax stated that her criminal matters went as far back as 2 years. One of her criminal charges was resolved after she completed 10 days in jail with no probation. Another charge that involved alcohol, intimidation, and unruliness required her to complete 2 months in jail with probation that required her to check in with a

probation officer. Ms. Truax has submitted orders from the court that both of those charges have been completed and she has met all terms of the courts for those incidents. After those charges she did have another incident that ended in a conversion charge. For this incident her parents took her to Sycamore Springs for treatment; however, she was never informed of an official ~~diagnosed~~ **diagnosis**. Ms. Truax stated that after Sycamore Springs she attended treatment at St. Vincent's **Vincent** where she was told her diagnosis was bipolar disorder by Dr. Brian Quinn. After her diagnosis she had a final incident that resulted in unsupervised probation, but she was required to complete community service. She stated that she was able to complete some of the requirements; however, COVID caused some of her community service to be waived. Ms. Truax did admit that it was difficult to get documentation that all terms of this incident was completed due to the pandemic. Ms. Truax submitted copies of the probation completion orders for her other incidents. In order to treat her diagnosis, Dr. Quinn has placed her on a series of medications and is monitoring her progress. Ms. Truax stated that in addition to the psychiatrist, she is also seeing a therapist once every two weeks and attends group therapy. Ms. Truax stated that her therapist has recently withdrawn her from group sessions as the therapist has determined she is not needing group sessions. Ms. Truax stated that her experiences have allowed her to relate better with her clients, and she has not used any drugs since those low points in her life. She is not enrolled in NA or AA. She has remained sober since October of 2019, and if the Board grants her request to withdraw her probation, she will keep working at her current professional practice but will be able to increase her workload. Ms. Truax indicated that her probation status has made getting employment and clients difficult. The State attested that it is Ms. Truax burden of proof to show that she has met all terms of the probation. It is noted that Ms. Truax did struggle to get documentation that she has met all her probation terms, and that there are some concerns with her mental health care. The State did say that Ms. Truax has met all other terms of the probation and will leave the decision up to the Board's discretion.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant probation withdrawal.

Harner/Stockton

Motion carried 7-1-0 (Gardner not present)

F. Libby Christianson, LCSW, LMHC, License No. 34002589A, 39000270A
Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0002
Re: Administrative Complaint

The hearing in the matter of Ms. Christianson was continued.

V. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

There were no settlement agreements for review.

VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

- 1. Krystal Morris, L.S.W., License No. 33007889A**
Cause No. 2020 BHSB 0017

Ms. Morris appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation that was initially placed on September 9, 2020. She has completed twenty (20) hours of CE in professional boundaries and submitted the certificates of completion. The Board inquired what she learned from the continuing education courses. Ms. Morris stated that the courses allowed her to reflect more on herself and her responses. She is more aware of pitfalls and how to avoid them. She will ask other professionals on cases and how they deal with grief counseling to help her understand pitfalls. She also discusses with them how they approach boundaries of the profession. The Board inquired about her current supervision status. Ms. Morris explained that she was under supervision when she was obtaining her hours; however, she was not able to connect with her supervisor, and did not feel like she could discuss boundary issues with them. She felt that when it was discussed, her supervisor was critical with the discussion, and that she was being written up for any small infraction while she was employed at the prison. Her average supervision was 3 hours a week. She is currently trying to separate her professional and personal issues but has had difficulty with the separation. She has been unable to take a step back as there have been a lot to work through on both ends. She is currently in training to recognize the boundaries as the lack of boundaries is increasing her stress levels.

- 2. Lisa Renee Pacheco, LMHC, LCAC, License No. 39001143A, 87001221A**
Cause No. 2018 BHSB 0010

Ms. Pacheco appeared to discuss her probation that was initially placed on July 10, 2018. Ms. Pacheco reported that everything is going well at the Westside Mental Health where she works. She is currently still going to her therapist and psychiatrist with no major incidents. If everything continues at the current pace, then Ms. Pacheco stated that she will be ready to come off probation in June of 2021. Her current practice work covers recovery with substance abuse. She stated that she found if she shares her situation with clients, they have expressed relief that she has experienced what they have. Ms. Pacheco affirmed she attends AA meeting that are being held virtually. Ms. Pacheco stated that her current criminal charges are to be completed in 2022; however, she is working with her lawyer on early probation release.

- 3. David Shields, LCSW, License No. 34003290A**
Cause No. 2016 BHSB 0014

Mr. Shields appeared as requested to discuss his probation that was initially placed on December 10, 2020. Mr. Shields has sent the Board notification of his address change by email and is currently employed at Kenosis Counseling Center as a counseling coach with a small case load. He is clinically supervised by Norma Chitwood and is seeing a psychiatrist, Dr. Conroy. Mr. Shields had his psychiatrist and clinical supervisor submit reports to the Board for their review. Currently he is doing well. Mr. Shields reported that

his focus and stamina are improving. He does have self-care strategies in place of medication, affirmations, and exercise.

B. Examination Attempts

C. Reinstatement

1. Kimberly Bimber, LMHC, License No. 39001062A

Ms. Bimber did not appear as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her license that expired in 2004. The Board reviewed her submitted CE certificates, and 17 hours can be approved. She will need 40 hours for her reinstatement. Ms. Bimber submitted a statement that she has been working as a school counselor and was required to do training for the school. Not all the sponsors of the continuing education classes attended by Ms. Bimber can be used for the license reinstatement. Ms. Bimber was also grandfathered for her initial license. She will need to take and pass the NBCC NCMHCE examination. As Ms. Bimber's reinstatement packet has been pending 180 days the Board must make a decision on her reinstatement.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Bimber's application for reinstatement of her mental health counseling license.

Viehweg/Harner
Motion carried 6-2-0 (Eitel and Stockton not present)

2. Clayton Carl, LSW, License No. 33004026A

Mr. Carl did not appear as requested. He will be rescheduled for the April 2022 meeting.

D. Application

1. Lindsay Anderson (LAC)

Ms. Anderson appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to question number four (4) "Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?" Ms. Anderson stated that she is currently going through the expungement process; however, the expungement has not been granted. Ms. Anderson submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review regarding her arrest and addiction background. The Board did not have any questions of concerns for Ms. Anderson; however, some of her supporting court documents are under a different last name than what is on her file.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Anderson's application pending addiction counseling licensure receipt of her name change document.

Viehweg/Harner
Motion carried 7-1-0 (Stockton not present)

2. Jarvis Cooper (LMHCA)

Mr. Cooper appeared as requested to discuss his yes response to question number four (4) “Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?” Mr. Cooper stated that he has had 3 incidents in his past and is currently going through the expungement process. The first incident occurred in 2006 when he had a fight with his sister. He stated that his mother had called the police and he pled guilty to the charge. He was unaware of the ramifications of his plea at the time. Mr. Cooper stated that the second incident occurred in 2011 which was a traffic violation. He said he was ticketed across a county line and did not realize that he was ticketed for both counties. He had paid the ticket for one county, but not the other which caused the incident to escalate. He had worked with a lawyer to get the charge dropped. Mr. Cooper stated that the last incident in his background occurred in 2014 which was an OWI. He stated that his mom had just passed, and he had gone out with friends to a bar. He was pulled over with a ~~blood~~ **blood** level of .08 and was required to complete counseling courses per the terms of the court. He stated that going through all those incidents made him strive to be a better person and he understands that everyone has a past. ~~He currently~~ **Currently, he is** counseling kids and teenagers with anger and substance abuse issues. Mr. Cooper stated he has not had a drink since the day of his DUI. The Board noted that he has met all education requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Cooper’s application to sit for the NCE examination.

Gardner/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-1-0 (Stockton not present)

3. Kimberly Hart (LMFTA)

Ms. Hart appeared as requested to discuss why she did not respond yes on her application. Ms. Hart is represented by counsel, Todd Ess. Ms. Hart explained that she did not say yes on her application as she only had two incidents in her past and that she thought that they were ~~apart~~ **part** of her juvenile record. Mr. Ess also stated that Ms. Hart was on the cusp of adulthood and that they occurred over 15 years ago. Ms. Hart has not had any other incidents on her record and her intention is to assist at her husband’s parish as a therapist.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Hart’s application to sit for the AMFTRB examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-1-0 (Stockton not present)

4. Whitney Lindsay (LMHCA)

Ms. Lindsay appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to question number four “Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?” Ms. Lindsay submitted a statement and supporting document for her two incidents. She informed the Board that one incident occurred when she was at college. When she was drinking at a party, she was given a date rape drug and she was arrested for underage drinking. She was ordered by the court to attend drug counseling courses. The second incident was a DUI and she was placed on informal probation. After that incident, she became certified as an alcohol and drug counselor. She indicated that she would like to help people deal with substance abuse disorders. She is currently working at Recovery Centers of America, and potentially wants to work with athletes who are recovering from substance abuse. Ms. Lindsay’s education was approved. It was noted that the course for Contextual Dimensions is covered by CPSY 605.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Lindsay’s mental health counseling associate application.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-1-0 (Stockton not present)

5. Aaron D. King (LSW)

Mr. King appeared as requested to discuss his yes response to question number four “Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?” Mr. King submitted a statement and supporting documents for his response. He disclosed a history of arrests and substance abuse but stated he has been sober since 2005. He attends both NA and AA meetings and explained that his arrest issues started in 1991. His partner at the time had substance abuse, and it would get violent between them. One of the charges against him was her accusation that he put his hands on her. He currently has custody of their child and has been working hard to improve his life. He is working for the Bethlehem Department of Health as an outreach worker progressing into case manager

status. He has been attending therapy for 8 years and has a good support system from his friends.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. King's application to sit for the ASWB Masters examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Carried by a vote of 6-2-0 (Eitel and Stockton not present)

VII. DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

There were no applications for review.

IX. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General's office reported to the Board that they have 47 open complaints. The average age of the open complaints is 7.8 months. There are currently 7 open litigation cases which are no older than 10 months.

X. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

A motion was made and seconded to formally adopt the application reviews.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept application reviews.

Brenner/Harner
Motion carried 7-1-0 Stockton not present

XI. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

1. Applegate & Dillman Elder Law

After review, it was found that the program was missing examples of the objectives. The Board requested that the program be notified to submit the additional information.

2. Dr. Heather Holleman, LLC

After review, it was found that the program was missing the sample of CE certificate of completion with the CE hours earned listed on the certificate. The Board requested that the program be notified to submit the additional information.

3. Integrative Wellness, LLC

After review, the application for Integrative Wellness, LLC be approved as a continuing education sponsor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Integrative Wellness, LLC as a continuing education sponsor.

Harner/Brenner
Motion carried 7-1-0 (Stockton not present)

4. The Resiliency Center

After review, it was found that the program was missing examples of the objectives and the resume of the presenter. The Board requested that the program be notified to submit the additional information.

5. Wexford Health Services

After review, the application for Wexford Health Services be approved as a continuing education sponsor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Wexford Health Services as a continuing education sponsor.

Harner/Brenner
Motion carried 7-1-0 (Stockton not present)

XII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business to discuss.

XIII. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

There was no administrator's report

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 2:10 p.m. by general consensus.

Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW,
LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Chair

Date

George Brenner, MS, LCSW, LMFT,
LCAC, Vice Chair

Date