

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

Minutes

April 22, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Professional Licensing Agency Conference Center Room 4 & 5, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-14-1-12(a).

Board Members Present:

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Board Chair
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT Section Chair (left at 11:45 a.m. and back at 1 p.m.)
Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC Section Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Members Not Present:

Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, SW Section Chair, Board Designee
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member

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.

Ferguson/Gardner
Motion carried 8-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 27, 2023; April 24, 2023; May 22, 2023; June 19, 2023; July 24, 2023, and August 21, 2023 are still under review.

IV. APPEARANCE

Hannah Maxey, PhD, MPH, RDH
Associate Professor
Department of Family Medicine

Director
Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy
Indiana University School of Medicine

Dr. Maxey and Mykala Tobin of the Bowen Center presented the Playbook. The Playbook provides an overview of information on the Mental Health Profession and was sponsored by Lily Endowment.

Dr. Maxey stated that the Bowen Center completed research on Mental health staff, employers, and practitioners. They reviewed the data of the types of degrees for the profession and gave a presentation of their website. Dr. Maxey stated that one feature of their website shows county level needs for mental health services, and that you can filter to see where the workforce is.

Dr. Maxey discussed employers not incentivizing supervisors, and how they obtained that data.

Dr. Maxey stated that the Playbook is still in draft form and will be presented at an event held at Lucas Oil stadium the next day. She indicated that they are hoping to have a final draft by June.

The Board noted that they have provided some information during the creation of the Playbook, but they do not see that information listed. Dr. Maxey stated that information is in the pathways document that was created with IPLA. The Board also noted that it would be beneficial to have website links rather than QR codes.

Dr. Maxey stated that the Playbook's intention is to streamline licensing, and they are working with others to help with education, and continuing education. She stated that they are also looking at strengthening clinical training and what it takes to be a supervisor. Dr. Maxey stated that they are recommending that there be a supervisor endorsement process in place. She stated that the Behavioral Health community is unique in that people pay others to supervise them. Dr. Maxey also discussed school-based therapists and reaching out to the Department of Education for more information.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

There were no probation appearances.

B. Renewal

1. Suzanne Bonaventura-Krischke, LCSW, License No. 34006559A

Ms. Bonaventura-Krischke appeared with counsel Ray Hornbacker as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her license having discipline or formal charges against her license since she last renewed. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Bonaventura-Krischke stated that there are currently felony charges pending against her.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to renew Ms. Bonaventura-Krischke's license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for the duration of her criminal charges
- Quarterly status reports while on probation
- Must report any additional charges and follow all criminal probation requirements.

Viehweg/Adams

Motion carried 8-0-0

Ms. Bonaventura-Krischke agreed to the probation terms.

2. **Leslie Chapman, LCSW, License No. 34008782A**

Ms. Chapman did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

3. **Lance Corral, LMHC, LCAC, License No. 39002248A, 87001371A**

Mr. Corral did not appear. He will be rescheduled.

4. **Laura Dekker, LSW, License No. 33010420A**

Ms. Dekker did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

5. **Timothy Gearhart, LCSW, LCAC, License No. 34005777A, 87001112A**

Mr. Gearhart appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding an arrest that has occurred since he last renewed. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Mr. Gearhart noted that he has resolved all matters with the courts, and this is the first incident.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Gearhart's clinical social work and clinical addiction counselor license renewal.

Viehweg/Adams
Motion carried 8-0-0

6. **Nina Hankins, LCAC, License No. 87001589A**

Ms. Hankins appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest since she last renewed. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She indicated that she had entered into a pre-trial diversion agreement, that included criminal probation terms.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to renew Ms. Hankin's clinical addiction counselor license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for the duration of the criminal charges
- Quarterly written reports
- Keep contact information up to date
- Proof of completion of criminal charges
- Immediate notice if any other arrests occur
- Provide a copy of her substance abuse evaluation

Adams/Martin
Motion carried 8-0-0

7. **Angelina Hernandez, LMHCA, License No. 88001684A**

Ms. Hernandez did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

8. Kevin Jones, LCSW, License No. 34009845A

Mr. Jones appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding an arrest that occurred since he last renewed. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He discussed the programs he has completed to address his substance use and stated that he has not entered a plea as of yet as the criminal matters are in process.

The Board requested that Mr. Jones be rescheduled until his criminal matters are more resolved, and he can provide the Board with updated information on the status of his criminal matters.

9. Oscar Midence, LSW, License No. 33011050A

Mr. Midence appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding an arrest that occurred since he last renewed. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. All matters have been resolved with the courts as of February 2024.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Midence's social work license renewal.

Viehweg/Martin
Motion carried 8-0-0

10. Aimee Norton, LSW, License No. 33011824A

Ms. Norton appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest that occurred since she last renewed. Ms. Norton is currently on probation with the Board. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Norton stated that her arrest was a new incident that she discussed with the Board during her probationary appearance. She indicated that the matter is still being processed by the courts. The Board discussed what documentation they would like to see at her next probation appearance.

Ms. Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Norton's social work license renewal.

Viehweg/Martin
8-0-0

11. Melissa Price, LCSW, License No. 34003978A

Ms. Price did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

12. Abram Sinn, LMFT, License No. 35001932A

Mr. Sinn appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding an arrest that occurred since he last renewed. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Mr. Sinn stated that his matter is still being processed through the courts and he is expected to sign a felony plea agreement on May 13, 2024.

The Board tabled further action on Mr. Sinn's marriage and family license renewal pending further action of his pending court case.

C. Reinstatement

There were no reinstatements for review.

D. Application

1. Bethany Crostreet (LMHCA)

Ms. Crostreet appeared as requested to provide clarification on her education and work history. Ms. Crostreet indicated on her application that she has been working as a therapist since March 2019, and her internship appears to have occurred after she graduated with her master's degree. Ms. Crostreet stated that she thought she could use field experience to complete the hours for the internship as long as she was under supervision. The Board clarified what is required by law, and how post-degree experience and supervision hours are met.

Board Action: The Board table Ms. Crostreet's application pending additional information.

2. Jeanna Evans (LMHCA)

Ms. Evans appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history as she indicated on her application that she has been working as a therapist since 2022. Ms. Evans stated that when she completed her practicum/internship, the location offered her a position. She was advised she could practice provided she was under supervision. The Board discussed the need for a license, and that she cannot count any post-degree experience and supervision hours she obtained if she did not hold her Associate.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Evan's mental health counselor associate application and issue her license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 3 months
- 10 hours of CE in ethics and licensure
- Employer must sign Final Order and submit
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam.
- Follow the laws and regulations of the profession

Richardson/Martin
Motion carried 8-0-0

3. Ameka Harris (LSW)

Ms. Harris appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background, and to provide clarification on her work history as she indicated on her application that she has been working as a therapist since 2020. Ms. Harris provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that all matters with the court have been resolved. Ms. Harris informed the Board that she delayed in getting her license due to family stresses, and apprehension of the Board's decision regarding her background. The Board discussed the impact of her arrest, and the importance of licensure with her.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Harris' social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination. Upon passing the examination issue her license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 6 months
- 10 hours of CE in ethics and licensure
- Employer must sign Final Order and submit
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam.
- Quarterly supervision reports
- Prior to requesting probation withdraw, must have 1 appearance before the Board.
- Follow the laws and regulations of the profession

Viehweg/Martin

Motion carried 7-0-0 (Mr. Garner not present)

4. Elisha Hendricks (LCSW)

Ms. Hendricks appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history, and supervision. Ms. Hendricks application has been reviewed and it appears that she is working as an independent contractor as an LSW. The Board noted that to work independently, you must be an LCSW. Ms. Hendricks stated that she started as a skills coach at Centerstone in 2014. She then entered her graduate program and did her graduate work. She was hired at Pillars of Wellness in June 2022 as a 1099 contractor and has been working under supervision. The Board expressed confusion on how you can be a 1099 contractor under supervision. The Board discussed how the payment, insurance, supervision, client complaints, expenses, liability, and if she saw clients outside Pillars of Wellness.

The Board asked if she could provide a copy of her employment contract in order for them to determine if she was working independently, and noted to the Board staff to reschedule her to appear once the additional information has been received. Application was tabled pending additional information.

5. Daniel Huston (LAC)

Mr. Huston appeared as requested to provide clarification on his education, experience, and supervision. The Board previously reviewed his application where they noted he was missing nine educational criteria, and he was using "field experience" in order to meet the practicum requirements. Mr. Huston stated that his employers accepted his CADAC- II credential to practice and for him to gain his "field experience" for his practicum requirement. He stated that he has been working as an addiction therapist since May of 2020 and the Department of Corrections since July 2019. Mr. Huston discussed the educational requirements with the Board. The Board noted that he must complete his practicum under the umbrella of a university.

Mr. Huston's addiction counselor application tabled for completion of a practicum and missing educational criteria.

6. Rachel Jernas (LMHC)

Ms. Jernas appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. She indicated on her application that she has been working as a therapist since 2001 and does not currently hold

an associate license with the State. Ms. Jernas explained that there was no associate license when she graduated, and she did leave the profession to raise her family. She clarified that the hours she presented were from 2001-2004 when the associate was not offered. The Board discussed how to keep up to date with the profession, and that the hours she presented have not been verified as done by her supervisor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Jernas' mental health counselor application to take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence examination and the NBCC NCMHCE exam, pending receipt of corrected experience and supervision forms.

Richardson/Martin
6-1-0 (Cooper-Bolinsky nay and Mr. Garner not present)

7. **Tammy Johnson (LAC)**

Ms. Johnson appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. She indicated on her application that she has been working as a therapist since 2021. The Board previously reviewed her application and noted a number of concerns with her education and documented experience and supervision hours. Ms. Johnson stated that her employer said she could practice under her MATs and CADAC-II as long as she was under supervision. The Board discussed with Ms. Johnson that she does not currently meet the educational requirement and/or work experience for an addiction counselor license and advised that she may wish to withdraw her application.

Ms. Johnson stated that she will withdraw her application.

8. **Michael Jordan (LCACA)**

Mr. Jordan appeared as requested to provide clarification on his work history and why he did not disclose his background. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Mr. Jordan stated that he has been working at the Bowen Center as a Behavioral Health Service Provider since 2020. He provided a summary of his job duties and that his employer allowed him to work as he holds the CADAC-II credential.

Mr. Jordan discussed with the Board his background and indicated that all matters have been resolved with the courts. He talked about how his background impacted him and the steps he has taken to prevent re-occurrences.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Jordan's clinical addiction counselor associate application and approve him to test. Upon passing the examination issue his license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 6 months
- 10 hours of CE in ethics and licensure
- Employer must sign Final Order and submit
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam.
- Quarterly supervision reports
- Prior to requesting probation withdraw, must have 1 appearance before the Board.
- Follow the laws and regulations of the profession

Adams/Richardson
Motion carried 8-0-0

9. Atasha LaFever (LAC/LCAC)

Ms. LaFever did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

10. Laura Lamar (LAC)

Ms. LaFever did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

11. Joseph Lowe (LCSW)

Mr. Lowe appeared as requested to discuss why he did not disclose a new incident regarding his LSW license renewal. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Mr. Lowe stated that he did not think about disclosing it when he renewed it as it was completed by the courts and expunged. The Board noted that his expungement occurred in January 2024 and was still reflected on his background when he renewed in 2022. The Board discussed their concerns with Mr. Lowe.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Lowe's clinical social work application and to sit for the ASWB clinical examination.

Viehweg/Richardson
Motion carried 8-0-0

12. Tyler Marcinkowski (LMHCA)

Mr. Marcinkowski appeared as requested to provide clarification on his work history and education. He indicated on his application that he has been working as a therapist since 2020. The Board discussed with him the delay in pursuing a license since his graduation in 2017. Mr. Marcinkowski stated that he has been working as a Master Level Therapist since 2020 and provided a description of his job duties and supervision. The Board noted that they would like to review a copy of his official job description.

The Board noted that his application is currently missing one educational criteria. Mr. Marcinkowski stated that he has reached out to his Program Director at Adler for assistance.

Mr. Marcinkowski application was tabled for additional information.

13. Angela Maupin (LMHCA)

Ms. Maupin appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Maupin stated that she once held a Pharmacy Technician license in Ohio where they suspended her license. She stated that as she was not going to return to that profession and did not complete any of the terms to get the license back. Ms. Maupin discussed her 2021 arrest, and that she did not report it to Ohio. She indicated that she has completed all terms with the courts. The Board expressed concerns with the unaddressed discipline matters, and that she has not provided any information that shows she has remedied the issue that resulted in her license to be suspended. The Board

provided some examples of documentation she can provide to show that the discipline has been addressed and remedied with Ohio.

Ms. Maupin's application was tabled for additional information.

14. Christina Murphy (LAC)

Ms. Murphy appeared as requested to provide clarification on her application. The Board noted that they have reviewed the application and there are concerns regarding her education and work history. Ms. Murphy stated that she worked in peer support from 2018 to 2022. The Board noted that if that is true, that is not what she has documented, and she cannot use those hours to get a license. The Board noted that she can pursue the addiction counselor associate, and then obtain post-baccalaureate experience and supervision. The Board discussed the course requirements for addiction counselor association with Ms. Murphy.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Murphy's application to the addiction counselor associate and approve her to test pending meeting the Theories of Personality course requirement.

Adams/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0

15. Amy Owens (LCAC)

Ms. Owens appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history and education. Ms. Owens stated that she earned her CADAC-IV in 2021 and her employer allowed her to work under that credential. Ms. Owens also stated that she believes she qualifies for grandfathering as she graduated in 2001. She provided a summary of her job duties and supervision. The Board noted that the grandfathering window has passed, and that she cannot use her CADAC credential to practice and earn hours. The Board noted that she could qualify for the clinical addiction counselor associate and earn hours under her associate license. The Board requested to have an official copy of her job duties as it is unclear if she worked outside the scope based upon her descriptions.

Ms. Owens' application was tabled pending further documentation. She also agreed to switching her application to the clinical addiction counselor associate.

16. LaKeisha Pierre (LSW)

Ms. Pierre appeared as requested to discuss why she did not disclose her background. She submitted a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. The Board noted that the documentation she provided shows a misdemeanor, but her statement conflicts with that. They discussed professional responsibility and disclosing accurate information to prevent confusion with Ms. Pierre.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Pierre's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Adams
Motion carried 8-0-0

17. Christopher Purvis (LMHCA)

Mr. Purvis appeared as requested to provide clarification on his work history. He indicated on his application that he has been working as a therapist since 2018. He discussed his job duties and supervision. Mr. Purvis stated that his understanding was that after graduation, he would need to do two years of post-graduate training. He stated that his employer did not push for the associate license. The Board clarified that his two years of post-graduate training should occur under the Associate license. The Board explained the licensure process.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Purvis to sit for the exam and upon passing issue his license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 6 months
- 10 hours of CE in ethics and licensure
- Employer must sign Final Order and submit
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam.
- Quarterly supervision reports
- Prior to requesting probation withdraw, must have 1 appearance before the Board.
- Follow the laws and regulations of the profession

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8-0-0

18. Maria Robledo-Pedraza (LSCW)

Ms. Robledo-Pedraza did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

19. Corinne Rose (LSW)

Ms. Rose appeared as requested to discuss why she did not disclose her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She indicated that her understanding was that her record was expunged. She discussed how her background impacted her both professionally and personally.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Rose's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Adams
Motion carried 8-0-0

20. Jermonte Rushing (LSW)

Mr. Rushing appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding his background. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He discussed with the Board his background has had on him personally and professionally. Mr. Rushing did indicate all matters have been resolved with the courts.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Rushing's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Justice
Motion carried 8-0-0

21. Kristen Sanders (LCACA)

Ms. Sanders appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She discussed how her background impacted her professionally and personally, and what her job aspirations are.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Sanders' clinical addiction counselor associate application and to sit for the MAC examination.

Adams/Richardson
Motion carried 8-0-0

22. Stephanie Sons (LSW)

Ms. Sons appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background and provide clarification on her work history. She provided a statement for the Board to review. She indicated that she completed all court requirements in December 2023 and discussed the impact it had on her.

She indicated that she has been working with DCS and school counseling since graduation in 2021. Ms. Sons indicated that her employer did not push for a license and provided a summary of her job duties. The Board discussed unlicensed practice with her as she indicated that her duties did not change after her temporary social work license expired.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Son's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination. Upon passing the examination issue her license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 3 months
- 10 hours of CE in ethics and licensure
- Employer must sign Final Order and submit
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam.
- Follow the laws and regulations of the profession

Viehweg/Justice
Motion carried 8-0-0

23. Jessica Vander Espt (LCAC)

Ms. Vander Espt appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Vander Espt discussed the impact her background had on her personally and professionally. She indicated that all matters have been resolved by the courts.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Vander Espt's clinical addiction counselor application.

Adams/Viehweg

Motion carried 8-0-0

24. Lisa White (LCAC)

Ms. White appeared as requested to provide clarification on her experience and supervision hours. Ms. White currently holds the addiction counselor license and obtained her master's degree in 2020. She has submitted documentation that indicates 2 years of post-degree experience and supervision at the Master level. The Board discussed her job duties, and if she was working outside the scope of her Bachelor level license. The board advised that they cannot accept her submitted hours that started in 2021 as they are unlicensed, and she needs to pursue the clinical addiction counselor associate first to obtain her hours.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. White's application to the clinical addiction counselor associate and approve her to test for the AADC examination.

Adams/Ferguson
Motion carried 8-0-0

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Amanda Stroud, LSW, License No. 33012072A

Cause No. 2024 BHSB 0009

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair

Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT Section Chair

Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW

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

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about February 13, 2024 the Board reviewed Ms. Stroud initial application and was approved on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for the duration of the criminal probation
- Must keep the Board up to date with her contact information.
- Employer must sign Final Order and submit
- Appear before the Board bi-annually while on probation.
- Comply with all statues and rules for the profession.

Ms. Stroud stated that she has met all the terms of her probation and provided all documents for her probation terms. The Board noted that they have not received a copy of her Board Order signed by her employer.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Stroud's request to withdraw her probation due to not completing all terms of her probation order.

Richardson/Ferguson
Motion carried 8-0-0

B. John Dietz, LMHCA, License No. 88002304A

Cause No. 2024 BHSB 0012

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair

Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT Section Chair

Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW

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

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about February 13, 2024 the Board reviewed Mr. Dietz initial application and was approved on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 3 months
- Must keep the Board up to date with her contact information.
- 10 hours of CEUs in ethics or licensure
- Employer signed Final Order and submit
- Take and pass the Indiana Jurisprudence Exam
- Comply with all statues and rules for the profession.

Mr. Dietz stated that she has met all the terms of his probation and provided all documents for the probation terms. He discussed what he learned while on probation with the Board. His supervisor Letecia Timmel provided a letter for the Board, which the Board accepted as an Exhibit.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Mr. Dietz petition for withdraw of probation.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8-0-0

VII. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A. Hannah Lopez, LSW, License No. 33010879A

11:30 a.m.

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0009

Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement

Parties Present:

Respondent was present with counsel Laura Iosue
Autumn Murphy, Deputy Office of Attorney General
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT Section Chair
Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC Section Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about March 9, 2023 an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Lopez with allegations that she engaged in a romantic relationship with a client. On or about April 2, 2024 a Proposed Settlement was submitted for Board review with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 2 years
- Must keep the Board up to date with her contact information.
- Must submit within 60 days of the Final Order complete and submit a fitness for duty evaluation completed by an HSPP or LCSW, and follow all recommendations
- Must make two appearances before the Board for the first two quarters, and the Board may request additional appearances as desired.
- Ms. Lopez agrees to not be self-employed while on probation
- Ms. Lopez agrees to immediately report any arrests, convictions, revocations of suspended sentences, work discipline and/or terminations.
- Employer must sign Final order and submit it
- Employer quarterly reports
- Not violate and statues or rules regulating the profession
- While on probation she must have at least 18 months of active practice
- Complete 20 hours of CE in boundaries and ethics
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

Ms. Lopez talked about the difficulties that occurred which led to the professional boundary issue. She discussed the changes she is making to address the issue and agrees to the terms in the settlement.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of Ms. Lopez.

Viehweg/Adams
Motion carried 8-0-0

VIII. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT

There were no Proposed Defaults.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Readoption of Rules – LSA#23-815

839 IAC 1-1 Definitions

839 IAC 1-2 Licensure and Fees

839 IAC 1-3 Social Workers; Clinical Social Workers

839 IAC 1-4 Marriage and Family Therapists

839 IAC 1-5 Mental Health Counselors

839 IAC 1-5.5 Addiction Counselors; Clinical Addiction Counselors

839 IAC 1-6 Continuing Education

839 IAC 1-7 Convictions of Concern

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to readopt the rules.

Ferguson/Justice

Motion carried 8-0-0

B. Reginald Murray, LCAC, License No. 87000987A

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0010

Re: Pending Motions

Dr. Murray appeared with counsel Mr. Arie Lipinski. Amanda Cassidy, Deputy Office of Attorney General, was also present for the discussion. Dr. Murray had submitted a request to retire his license and dismiss the case against his license.

Ms. Cassidy stated that the State objects to the dismissal of the case.

Mr. Lipinski stated that after discussion with his client, Dr. Murray now wishes to withdraw his request to retire and pursue the Proposed Settlement with the State. Ms. Cassidy stated that there is a Proposed Settlement, but that the terms still need to be determined.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Mr. Murray's request to withdraw his request to retire his license.

Richardson/Viehweg

Motion carried 8-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to grant Mr. Murray's request to withdraw surrender request.

Richardson/Viehweg

Motion carried 8-0-0

X. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

There were no applications for review.

XI. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General’s office reported to the Board that they have 19 new complaints opened within the past 30 days with 89 current open complaints and they have closed 44 since the beginning of the year. Primarily the complaints have been from Marion County followed by Hamilton County. The content of the complaints are unlicensed practice, unprofessional conduct, and professional incompetence. The average age of the open complaints is 5.6 months and primarily against Mental Health Counselors and Clinical Social Workers.

There are currently 1 litigation cases open the past 30 days with 22 open litigation cases and 5 closed this year. The average duration of the litigation cases is 9.3 months. The litigation has occurred mostly in Marion County. The current litigation charges are for unprofessional conduct followed by unlicensed practice, client abandonment, unlicensed practice, misrepresentation scope of license, lewd or immoral conduct, and professional incompetence. Primarily the charges have been filed against Mental Health Counselors followed by Certified Social workers.

XII. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

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

Viehweg/Richardson
Motion carried 8-0-0

XIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

There were no CE Applications for review.

XIV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business to discuss.

XV. ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORT

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, reported that there have been 17, 183 practitioners that have renewed their license for this cycle. License renewal window ended on 4/1/2024, and there are still 1, 374 licenses that have not renewed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m. by general consensus.

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW
Board Chair

Date

