

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2020 | 11:30 a.m. ET

The board meeting was held virtually by Zoom, in accordance with Gov. Beshear's EO 2020-243 - Social Distancing. The Zoom link was posted at bsw.ky.gov.

Board Members Present:

Jay Miller, Ph.D., CSW, Chairperson
Anne Adcock, DSW, CSW, Vice Chairperson
Jene Hedden, LCSW
James Haggie, LSW
Megan Hanser, CSW
Whitney Cassity-Caywood, Ph.D., LCSW
Lisa Johnson, Citizen Member, did not attend.

Staff Present:

Florence Huffman, Executive Director
Lisa Turner, Executive Coordinator

Nicole Bearse, Board Attorney

Call to order

Jay Miller, board chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. ET, and welcomed board members, staff and guests in attendance by Zoom. Approximately 30 guests attended virtually by Zoom.

Executive Director's Report, Florence Huffman, Executive Director
Operations Report – December 2020, see attached report.

Financial Report, Ad Hoc Finance Committee, reported by Jene Hedden.

FY21 December 2020 (FM6), Jene Hedden reported that there were some variances in areas where the board had no control, such as rent and temporary employment cost. Postage fees were reviewed and will be revisited to look at alternative means for license certificates versus mailing.

Regular Business

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Megan Hanser, seconded by Anne Adcock to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 board meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice.

Per Diem Compensation: A motion was made by James Haggie and seconded by Jene Hedden, to approve payment of today's per diem compensation. The motion carried by unanimous voice, none opposed, no abstentions. A motion was made by Anne Adcock, seconded by Whitney Cassity-Cawood to approve payment of the finance committee's meeting per diem for January 8, 2021.

Committees

Complaint Committee Jay Miller, CSW, Board Chairperson, Anne Adcock, CSW and Jene Hedden, LCSW

Approved: A recommendation was made by the committee to seek injunctive relief due to not receiving a response from the respondent for practicing without a license in case no. 19-35. The motion carried by unanimous voice.

Approved: A recommendation was made by the committee to dismiss case no. 19-37 because the complaint was employment-related. The motion carried by unanimous voice.

Approved: A recommendation was made by the committee to suspend licensure until further notice for significant ethical violations in case no. 19-47. The motion carried by unanimous voice.

Approved: A recommendation was made by the committee to dismiss case no. 19-44 because the respondent was not a licensed social worker. Anne Adcock recused. The motion carried by unanimous voice.

Approved: A recommendation was made by the committee in response to a self-report of practicing without approved supervision and practicing beyond the scope of their license to offer an Agreed Order to include a requirement to complete one-hour of approved continuing education addressing scope of practice in case no. 20-47. The motion carried by unanimous voice.

Application Committee

No report.

James Haggie, LSW, and Megan Hanser, CSW

Old Business

Jay Miller, CSW, Board Chairperson

1. **Expungement Bill.** Nicole Bearse, Board Attorney. The approved expungement statute has been revised to remove the language “minor actions.”

Approved: A motion was made by Jene Hedden, seconded by Whitney Cassity-Cawood seeking statutory authority and a sponsor for the bill. The motion carried by unanimous voice.

2. **Report on Medicaid Regulations.** The first of two listening discussions was held to address the dynamic tension between statutes and regulations, versus. Medicaid regulation. The positive discussion was an opportunity to educate stakeholders, in particular the widely held misconception that social workers only need to be licensed if they are practicing clinical social work. In addition, the confusion that there were exemptions for clinical social work was corrected and clarified that there are no exemptions. Kentucky law protects both title and practice. The second listening discussion will be held on January 20, 2021.
3. **The Public hearing** on the Clinical Social Work Supervision regulation *amendment* 201 KAR 23:080 will be held by zoom on January 21, 2021 at 9 am ET. Public comments will be accepted through close of business on January 31, 2021.
The board will over-communicate the notice that the amendment of this regulation has been enacted.
4. **The Public hearing** on the Complaint Procedures *new* regulation 201 KAR 23:080 will be held by zoom on February 22, 2021 at 9 am ET. Public comments will be accepted through close of business on February 8, 2021.

New Business

Anne Adcock, Board Vice Chair

Florence Huffman’s resignation as the Executive Director for the Kentucky Board of Social Work was accepted and is effective January 29, 2021. The board expressed its gratitude for the last six years of service and particularly Florence’s kindness and enthusiasm. It is with regret that she couldn’t have a proper send-off under the current COVID-19 restrictions.

The permanent position of Executive Director will be posted on the Kentucky State Employment website. There will be an ad hoc hiring committee to be comprised of KY social work stakeholders as well as board members for the permanent placement. Those interested should send an email to Anne Adcock, Vice Chair, at ACAdock@campbellsville.edu.

An interim director will be selected until the permanent candidate is appointed.

Approved: A motion was made by Jene Hedden, and seconded by James Haggie to create an ad hoc committee charged with the appointment of an interim Executive Director with the understanding that no person will be named without a subsequent board vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice, with no opposed and no noted abstentions.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Approved: A motion was made by Anne Adcock, and seconded by Jene Hedden to adjourn the meeting at 12:32p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice, with no opposed and no noted abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jay Miller, CSW, Board Chairperson