

Kentucky Board of Social Work  
Monthly Board Meeting  
May 8, 2023

**Board Members Present:**

Hank Cecil, LCSW  
Santosh Adhikary, LCSW  
Whitney Cassity-Caywood, Ph.D., LCSW  
James Haggie, CSW  
Laura Guffey, LSW

**Staff Present:**

Marc Kelly, Executive Director  
Vanessa Jones, Executive Assistant  
Mark Brengelman, Board Attorney

**Call to Order**

Whitney Cassity-Caywood called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. ET.

**Operations Report:**

Marc Kelly, Executive Director reported the following for the operations report:

Applications-57

LSW licenses-4

CSW Licenses-22

LCSW Licenses-29

Renewals-82

Temp permits-3

Supervision Contracts- 48 approved; 0 deferred. He wanted all to know that there were a lot of changes in employer settings for various reasons.

CEUs- 13 providers

Hank Cecil made a motion to accept the Operations report. James Haggie seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Financial Report**

James Haggie reported that there is nothing unusual to report. He shared we were able to access our revenues and received the additional monies to continue to operate for the remainder of this fiscal year. He stated we will need to request 424,000 per year during the next budget request or we will have to access the case balances every year. If we have the 424,000, it will guarantee we have enough monies for each fiscal year to operate.

**Board Members Travel and Per Diem:**

Board members per diem and travel for today’s (5/8/23) meeting – James Haggie made a motion to approve the Board’s per diem and travel for today. Hank Cecil seconded. All approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Board Minutes:**

April 11, 2023 board meeting minutes – a motion was made by Hank Cecil and seconded by James Haggie to approve the minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. All approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Committees**

Application Committee

**Laura Guffey, LSW**

Applicant 1 –The Committee recommends this applicant be approved for reinstatement of license. All approved the committee’s recommendation for applicant 1.

Applicant 2 –The Committee recommends this applicant be allowed to sit for the Master exam. All approved the Committee’s recommendation for applicant 2.

Applicant 3 – the committee recommends this applicant be approved to take the Master exam. All approved the Committee’s recommendation for applicant 4.

Complaint Committee

**Hank Cecil, LCSW**

Mark Brengelman provided a brief overview of this complaint’s history. A recommendation and motion was made by the committee to accept the new revised agreed order on **Complaint No. 22-11**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion was made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 23-11**. As there is insufficient evidence to support the initiating complaint. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion was made by the committee to file an Administrative Complaint hearing in **Complaint No. 23-12** due to a sexual dual relationship. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion was made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 23-15** as there are no violations under the law. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion was made by the committee to refer **Complaint No. 23-16** to the board investigator for further investigation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## Operations Committee

**Hank Cecil, LCSW**

Operations Manual - Hank Cecil provided an update on the operations manual. The committee has a draft of Article 4 on how to write the regulations and the process from beginning to end. An additional section will be added to delineate responsibility for monitoring existing regulations and to propose new regulations.

## Old Business

ASWB updates- Whitney Cassity-Caywood reported that she, Hank Cecil and Marc Kelly attended the Education meeting last month. She shared her notes on the exams research and the workforce research. She has a video to share but due to technology issues she will have Marc Kelly send the link out to the board members for review. She hopes share more at the June meeting

Compact Licensing updates- Hank Cecil reported that unfortunately the compact did not pass in Kentucky in 2023, but it will be proposed for the KY 2024 General Assembly and passage is favorable. He shared that there are nine states considering the compact and only 7 are needed to activate the compact commission. Each state will have a delegate and the initial commission will have the greatest impact on the bylaws and help set parameters for the compact.

MSW students – Marc Kelly reported he shared the importance of licensure especially an LSW license. They had Q&A session with him and he reminded them that if they have an LSW and not just a BSW from their university, they can do more and have more opportunities for work. He shared that he explained the licensure process. Laura Guffey stated she would like to attend in the fall. All agreed she should good so she can also explain the LSW roles and etc. since she is an LSW.

IT updates – Hank Cecil updated all on the IT and Facebook live streaming issues. He stated we may need a YouTube channel where we can post meetings; other videos and etc. He and Marc Kelly will continue to research.

Regulations update – Mark Brengelman shared that he has drafted an exam regulation for all to review. He shared the reasons we need it in place. He asked for additional information on the types of exams so he can add to it. Hank Cecil shared this will be a new regulation so it will go through the regulations process. He stated we will need to obtain a regulation number; then we will file it; then it will have a comment period for persons to provide feedback on various issues. He shared that we hope this regulation will help fight against discrimination since we all have to take the same exams. Hank Cecil reported on the temporary permit regulation. He shared it has a new number. It will be 23:160 instead of 23:016. The board will need withdraw the current emergency and ordinary regulation 23:016 and at the same time submit the new emergency and ordinary regulation 23:160 at the same time. This way there will not be a lapse once the current 23:016 expires in June. This regulation will go through the full process and have a comment period as well. Hank Cecil made a motion to withdraw 23:016 and submit 23:160 emergency and ordinary regulation at the same time. Laura Guffey seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote. Mark Brengelman and Marc Kelly were designated to get these tasks accomplished with LRC. Hank Cecil reported on the telehealth regulation. It has 23:170 as the regulation number. Discussion was held on the draft. Hank Cecil made a motion to adopt and submit the 23:170 telehealth regulation by 6/15/2023. Laura Guffey seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote. Hank Cecil reported on the inactive status 23:055 regulation. He shared there is one small thing to

change. So the change will be made and it will be submitted as an amendment. Hank Cecil made a motion to accept the change to the 23:055 regulation. James Haggie seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote.

**New Business**

**SB 150-** This bill was passed into law over the governor's veto and discussion was held on what impact it has for social workers in KY. Mark Brengelman pointed out that since social workers are not involved in medical decisions and prescribing that the law has minimal impact on social workers except school social workers employed by a school district and that school social workers may be restricted with discussions of gender issues. Social workers at schools will need to follow the protocols of the school. It was suggested that social workers who work in school systems but are not employees of the school allow for gender discussions with a student to take place at a location apart from the school grounds. More discussion of SB150 may take place at the next meeting.

**Announcements** – none at this time

Whitney Cassity-Caywood thanked James Haggie for his service and support on the Board. She thanked him for his interest in the public and commonwealth and let him know how much he is appreciated and that he will be missed. All wished him well on his next journey.

**Adjournment** - A motion was made by James Haggie to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 pm. Seconded by Hank Cecil. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting:** **MONDAY**, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:30am at the Board of Social Work Office, 125 Holmes Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 310, Frankfort.