

KENTUCKY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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KY

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Executive Director

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Executive Assistant

****WE HAVE 2 VACANT BOARD POSITIONS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, YOU CAN CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR THE APPLICATION OR YOU CAN CONTACT THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OFFICE.**

****WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON 4 REGULATIONS, SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR COMMENT PERIOD NOTICES. WE WILL POST ON OUR FB PAGE AND OUR WEBSITE.**

2023 Board Meeting Dates

January 10	July 10
February 14	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 11	October 9
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 11

All board meetings are held at 125 Holmes Street, Suite 310, Frankfort KY and are open to the public. Please join us when you can. NOTE: **ALL BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR WILL BE ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. Thanks!!**

Board dates above are subject to change.

Have you moved, changed employers, or had a name change?

Let us know by making these changes using the Self-Service Portal on the Board website below.....

<https://bsw.ky.gov>

You may also email Board staff or call the office

*****COMPLAINTS *******BOSW Complaint Disciplinary Guidelines**

The purpose of disciplinary sanctions is to protect the public, deter future violations, offer opportunities for rehabilitation if appropriate, punish violators, and deter others from violations. These guidelines are intended to promote consistent sanctions for similar violations, facilitate the timely resolution of cases and encourage informal settlements. A single violation is the standard disciplinary schedule of sanctions shall apply to cases involving a single violation and in which there are no aggravating or mitigating factors. Multiple violations, the board may impose more severe or restrictive sanctions for multiple violations.

Aggravating factors are those which may increase the severity of unprofessional or unethical conduct, and the board may impose more severe or restrictive sanctions based on any aggravating factors that are found to apply in a particular case.

Mitigating factors are those which may impose less severe or restrictive sanctions based on any mitigating factors that are found to apply in a particular case.

The standard disciplinary sanctions outlined below are applicable to persons who are being sanctioned for the first time. The board may consider more severe or restrictive sanctions if a licensee has had a sanction assessed against them previously.

The maximum disciplinary sanction in all cases is revocation of the license, which may be accompanied by an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 or more per violation.

Suspension and probation may also be accompanied by an administrative penalty of up to \$3,000 per violation. Each day the violation continues or occurs can be considered a separate violation subject to the administrative penalty imposed on the licensee.

Each violation constitutes a separate offense, even if arising out of a single complaint or when initiated by the board.

The board may impose additional conditions or restrictions upon a license deemed necessary to facilitate the rehabilitation and education of the licensee and to protect the public.

Failure to list a specific violation under KRS 335.10-160 and KRS 335.990 or 201 KAR 23 in these guidelines does not prevent the board from taking disciplinary action for such a violation.

If a sanction for a violation of state or federal laws is not listed in these guidelines or specifically stated elsewhere, the sanction shall be a reprimand and administrative penalty.

The board will evaluate and determine the appropriate sanction for a licensee with a qualifying criminal conviction in accordance with KRS 335.150(6)(7).

The board may combine an administrative penalty with another standard disciplinary sanction to protect the public or deter future violations.

Do you want to recognize a fellow Social Worker
or have an article you would like to submit for
the newsletter? If so, email it to Vanessa at
VanessaG.Jones@ky.gov

*"Social workers are healers,
advocates, helpers, case managers,
clinicians and more."*

Frequently Asked Questions

** Once Licensed....What work can an LSW, CSW, and LCSW perform?

An LSW can engage in social work activity except the practice of clinical social work as defined in 201 KAR 23:070, Section 1(2) and they can use the abbreviation “LSW” after their name.

A CSW can engage in social work activity that: except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, does not include the practice of clinical social work as defined in 201 KAR 23:070, section 1(2) or that includes the practice of clinical social work as defined and if the conditions established in KRS 335.080(3) are met and they can use the abbreviation “CSW” after their name.

An LCSW can engage in the practice of social work, including the practice of clinical social work as defined; can hold themselves out to the public as engaging in the practice of clinical social as defined; can use the abbreviation “LCSW” after their name; and can employ a CSW under the conditions established in KRS 335.100(3)



*Social work
is LOVE
made Visible.*

Things You Can Do

1. When you need an official license verification from the Board, you can request a digital verification from the website. Note there is a \$25 license verification fee.
2. When you need an additional wall certificate; you can download that form from the website and email or mail it to the Board for processing, along with a check for \$25.
3. Know your renewal date and don't be late in getting all submitted for your renewal.
4. If you are a CSW and want to work toward your LCSW, make sure you submit a supervision contract to the Board office for approval first. We will not count any hours obtained prior to having your approved contract in place.
5. Keep your mind active and learn something new every day!
6. ALWAYS take care of yourself!

Reminders

- Our new Facebook page is called “The KY Board of Social Work” be sure to like and share it!
- Check your license expiration date and get our license renewed before they expire. You can renew 3 months in advance
- If you would like to attend our monthly Board meeting, please let us know, we would love to have you.
- ASWB has FREE test prep and resources available on their website aswb.org
- If you are a CSW in supervision and you have completed your 2 year contract and obtained your 150 hours YOU MUST apply online for you LCSW and submit your supervision documents if you haven't sent them in already. YOU CANNOT JUST SEND IN YOUR SUPERVISION DOCUMENTS.

Current Filed Regulations

1. Emergency temporary permit
There were extensive changes done to the current temp permit regulation, so a new emergency temp permit regulation was filed on 6/28/2023. It will be replaced with the new ordinary temp permit regulation in due course.
2. Ordinary temporary permit
There were extensive changes done to the current ordinary temp permit regulation, so a new ordinary temp permit regulation was filed on 6/28/2023. The comment period will be in September so be on the look out so you are aware of the changes, including a \$25 temp permit fee and several new applications.
3. Ordinary Telehealth regulation
This is a new regulation established by the board to help assist all in providing telehealth appropriately. This was filed on 6/28/2023 and the comment period will be in September. There will also be a telehealth terminology page included with it to help as a guide, so be on the look out for it.
4. Ordinary Inactive Status regulation
This is a current regulation we have on file that is set to expire this year, so an updated version was filed on

6/28/2023. There are no new changes. The only changes within it are changing “his/her” to “their”. The comment period will be in September along with the others. So, be on the look out for all of them.

We will post notices on our Facebook page and our website as this process goes along.

