

Kentucky Board of Social Work
Monthly Board Meeting
August 12, 2024

Board Members Present:

Hank Cecil, LCSW
Santosh Adhikary, LCSW
Genesia Kilgore-Bowling, LCSW
Laura Guffey, LSW
Tiffany Payton, Citizen At Large

Staff Present:

Marc Kelly, Executive Director
Vanessa Jones, Executive Assistant
Mike Nickels, rep for Board Attorney

Call to Order

Hank Cecil called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. ET. He introduced the new CSW board member Genesia Kilgore-Bowling and administered the KY Oath of Office. She let all know she is excited to be a part of the board and looks forward to working with everyone.

Board Minutes:

July 8, 2024, minutes – a motion was made by Laura Guffey and seconded by Santosh Adhikary to approve the July minutes for the July 8th meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Operations Report:

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

Applications-129
LSW licenses-5
CSW Licenses-62
LCSW Licenses-51
Renewals-142
Temporary permits-8 clinical and 0 non-clinical
Supervision contracts- 72 approved 0 deferred
CEU providers-5 approved
Total number of licensees-7,761

Marc Kelly let all know the board has a new employee named Brooke Jones and all welcomed her.

Santosh Adhikary made a motion to accept the Operations report. Genesia Kilgore-Bowling seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Financial Report

Hank Cecil reported board expenditures and revenues for the month – July income: \$56,360.12; July expenses: \$32,237.67; Fund balance: \$694,970.02. Hank reminded all that KBSW is an independent board and receives no taxpayer money, and the board now has full access to the funds and will be able to access them and use the monies as we need.

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Board Members Travel and Per Diem:

Board members per diem and travel for the today's (8/12/24) meeting – Santosh Adhikary made a motion to approve the Board's per diem and travel for the August 8th, meeting. Tiffany Payton seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committees

Application Committee

Laura Guffey, LSW

Laura Guffey let all know that she and Lori Vogel reviewed all applications last week. Hank Cecil then let all know that Genesis Kilgore-Bowling will join the application committee.

Applicant 1 –The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved to take the Master exam. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Applicant 2 – The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved for reinstatement since they have received the final document needed and completed all the items in the agreed order. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Complaint Committee

Santosh Adhikary, LCSW

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to refer **Complaint No. 24-39** to the Board investigator for further investigation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to refer **Complaint No. 24-45** to the Board investigator for further investigation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to refer **Complaint No. 24-46** to the Board investigator for further investigation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to refer **Complaint No. 24-50** to the Board investigator for further investigation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-52** as there is no violation under the law. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to enter an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (AVC) on **Complaint No. 24-53**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Santosh Adhikary reminded all that referring a complaint to the Board investigator is done because it is a more complex complaint. He then reminded all that if their complaint was not reviewed and heard today, it is still under review or pending until we receive any additional information requested.

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Old Business

ASWB updates- Hank Cecil reported

Hank Cecil shared that the ASWB leadership meeting was held last week in New Mexico. He and Whitney Cassity-Caywood attended. They had many discussions that can be found at ASWB website.

Hank Cecil shared that the ASWB delegate assembly will be held in November in California. He and Marc Kelly will attend. He encouraged board members to attend if they would like to. The board chair will serve as the delegate at the ASWB Delegate Assembly.

Hank Cecil shared that there will be a new board member training in October in D.C. and asked Tiffany Peyton and Genesis Kilgore-Bowling to attend. He stated the board will reimburse them for their travel expenses.

Compact Licensing updates- Hank Cecil reported

Hank Cecil shared the first meeting is scheduled for September 17th and will be a virtual meeting. He and Marc Kelly will attend. He stated it is an open meeting so anyone can attend. Genesis Kilgore-Bowling stated that it is a good idea for all licensees and students to attend if they can. Hank stated they will provide a summary update at the October board meeting.

IT Updates - Hank Cecil reported

The application software is continuing to move forward. Hank shared that he and Marc Kelly met with the IT development staff and gave the ok for the final screens. He shared that the county of residence is added on the application for reports. Currently, the staff is cleaning up the current data and will save it in a different location because we want the new application to have current information. The go-live will be with new applications only. He reminded all to only create 1 profile. Applicants and licensees will use the same profile for everything, including adding their test score report and paying the license fee once they pass their exam.

Regulations update – Hank Cecil reported

201 KAR 23:070 Supervision – Hank Cecil shared a copy of the updated draft regulation with all. He stated we can go through this in sections and will start with sections 1 through 6. The following are the sections discussed:

Section 1– definitions. All are ok with the changes, and it was decided on using virtual instead of electronic which means services cannot be provided on a phone call. They must be able to be seen.

Section 2- virtual was added and will include telehealth and teletherapy.

Section 3- all agreed it was all good

Section 4- discussion was held. It was decided that the LCSW 6-hour training course will count if taken within the renewal period. For example – if renewing in 2025 and they took the course in 2024, it will count, then the 3-hour LCSW refresher course would be due at the next 3-year renewal. All decided to keep the 2 years and not add the required clinical experience hours. Genesis Kilgore-Bowling asked if a different curriculum could be used for the courses so supervisors would have different choices to take instead of the material being the same for the 6-hour course and the 3-hour refresher course. She stated this could be the same for the KY ethics courses that must be done every renewal period. All agreed. Use of “professional development” instead of “refresher” was discussed.

Section 5 and 6- all agreed both sections look good
Next sections will be reviewed at the next meeting

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SB255-KRS 335.158 – Hank Cecil reported

Hank Cecil shared that the next meeting with the Children’s Alliance is later this week. He shared there are two things he wanted to discuss: 1. Issue of nonpublic facing and 2. The revised definition for social work practice. He shared that the board wanted to add emergency suspension in cases with an impaired licensee. He stated we will review more at the next meeting when he updates all after the next meeting.

Student Intern Committee- Hank Cecil reported

Hank shared that they have a meeting tomorrow August 13th. He stated they are having great discussions, and it was discussed to have a distinction of license titles; for example, along with certified social worker the board could add “licensed master social worker.” He shared that the committee discussed having a provisional license for student interns. He stated there may be a low fee for students and as far as the discipline process, the university would discipline first and then the Board. monitoring of internships is a concern as well. Genesis Kilgore-Bowling stated she will reach out to the universities to see what they are currently doing. He will keep all updated at monthly meetings.

September Listening Session- Hank Cecil reported

Hank reminded all that the September listening session is set for September 20th at 11:30 CT/12:30 ET with the topic of graduate student exam and licensing process. The session will be posted on the website, Facebook page, and newsletter. Universities can be contacted for students to attend. Board members are encouraged all to attend if they can.

New Business

Social workers and coaching- Hank Cecil reported

Hank stated this item will be deferred to the September meeting as the Board attorney is out sick today.

Election of Board officers: Hank reported

Hank stated that August is the month to elect officers to begin in September. He shared that the current officers; Hank as chair; Whitney Cassity-Caywood as vice chair; and Laura Guffey as secretary are all open to re-election to the respective offices. Genesis Kilgore-Bowling motioned to approve of keeping current officers. Santosh Adhikary seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote.

Santosh Adhikary thanked Hank Cecil for all he has done for the board since being appointed and being elected as the Board chair. Hank Cecil thanked all for staying with the Board and their willingness to look at new ideas and move forward to assist our licensees, school, and residents of the Commonwealth.

Staff Evaluation: Hank reported

Hank shared the staff evaluation forms for all to review. He requested Marc Kelly and Vanessa Jones to complete the self-evaluations and email him; then Marc can fill out Vanessa’s evaluation form and the Board will complete Marc’s at the October meeting. He stated we want to do these in a structured way and will do them yearly.

Announcements – Brenda Rosen shared that NASW along with Indiana will have a virtual NASW conference in September. She shared Hank Cecil will be a presenter; they will kick off the social work

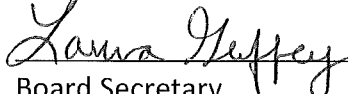
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planning; and NASW will look at hypnosis and alternate pathways for taking the exam. She thanked all for everything that has been done over the past years and looks forward to continuing working with all on the board.

Adjournment - Genesia Kilgore-Bowling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 pm. Seconded by Santosh Adhikary. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th**, 2024, at 11:30 am ET at the Board Office, 125 Holmes Street, Suite 310, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via YouTube Channel @KBSW.

Respectfully submitted,



Board Secretary

Board Approved: _____
Date 