

Kentucky Board of Social Work  
June 10, 2024 Board Work Session

**Board Members Present:**

Hank Cecil, LCSW  
Lori Vogel, LCSW  
Laura Guffey, LSW

**Staff Present:**

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

**Call to Order**

Hank Cecil called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. ET. He stated that we do not have a quorum for this meeting, so it will be a work session meeting and we will reaffirm the actions at the July meeting.

**Board Minutes:**

May 13, 2024, board meeting minutes – Hank asked if there were any corrections for the May 13 board meeting. All present stated no corrections are needed. No motion at this time.

**Operations Report:**

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

Applications-141

LSW licenses 4

CSW Licenses-84

LCSW Licenses-33

Renewals-159

Temp permits-15 clinical and 0 non-clinical

Supervision contracts- 72 approved 5 deferred due to page 3 section D and no signed job description.

Providers/sponsorship-6 approved

Total number of licensees-7,655

Marc reminded all to be sure to look at the CEU certificate to ensure it is not an approved training already before anyone submits an individual CEU submission for approval. He stated he has received some requests that are already approved.

No motion to approve the operations report at this time.

Hank Cecil shared that the investigator contract and the legal contract were approved at the May meeting but this will be reviewed again at the July meeting.

**Financial Report**

Hank Cecil reported board expenditures and revenues for May 2024 - income: \$55,375.00; expenses: \$67,272.80; Fund balance: \$665,848.97. The board received additional monies so the budget balance remaining for the year is \$427,753.95. What is not spent will go back into the cash balance.

Hank shared that the board received more money than requested for the 2025 allotment, so the board does not anticipate having to request additional money during the next year.

**Board Members Travel and Per Diem:**

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Board members per diem and travel for today's (7/8/24) meeting – no motion was made at this time.

**Committees**

**Application Committee**

Lori Vogel, LCSW

Applicant 1 –The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved to take the Master exam. The committee made a motion to approve this recommendation. The motion will be brought back up at the July meeting.

Applicant 2 – The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved to take the Master exam. The committee made a motion to approve this recommendation. The motion will be brought back up at the July meeting.

Applicant 3- The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved to take the Master exam. The committee made a motion to approve this recommendation. The motion will be brought back up at the July meeting.

**Complaint Committee**

Hank Cecil, LCSW

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 23-01** as there is insufficient evidence to support the initiating complaint. Lori Vogel seconded. The motion will be brought up at the July meeting.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to enter an Agreed Order settlement agreement (AO) on **Complaint No. 24-26**. Laure Guffey seconded. The motion will be brought up at the July meeting.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-29** as there is no violation under the laws. Lori Vogel seconded. The motion will be brought up at the July meeting.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-32** as there is insufficient evidence to support the initiating complaint. Lori Vogel seconded. The motion will be brought up at the July meeting.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-35** as there is no violation under the law. Lori Vogel seconded. The motion will be brought up at the July meeting.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-36** as there is no violation under the law. Laura Guffey seconded. The motion will be brought up at the July meeting.

Mark Brengelman, Board attorney, stated the board has not received a response on **Complaints on 23-73 and 23-64**, so he asked for a motion to issue a failure to respond order. Hank Cecil made the motion. Lori Vogel seconded. The motion will be brought up at the July meeting.

**Old Business**

**ASWB updates**-Hank Cecil reported

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Hank shared that the leadership meeting will be in August. He, Marc Kelly, and Whitney Cassity-Caywood already plan to attend, and Whitney has submitted her intent to serve on the Nominations Committee at ASWB.

**Compact Licensing updates**– Hank Cecil reported

Hank shared there are now 18 states that have passed the compact and 7 states with pending legislation. So there may be a total of 25 with no other states having proposals. He stated that border states include TN; OH; VA; and MO and maybe others in the future. He shared that the first commission meeting will be this Fall to start on the bylaws. It is estimated that it will take 18-24 months to complete the process to issue multistate licenses. Hank reminded all that this is a voluntary license for persons who want to practice in the compact states and not required for anyone who wants to only practice in KY.

**IT Updates** - Hank Cecil reported

The application software is moving forward. Hank shared that Tyler Technologies is migrating all the data and will reach out to Vanessa Jones and Marc Kelly to test later this month so that the state date of July 1 can be attained as planned. He shared that there will be renewal notices sent to all licenses to remind them when it is time for their renewal. He stated that the board is the first agency in KY to implement this software so they may want our feedback so they can share it with other agencies.

**Regulations update** – Hank Cecil reported.

201 KAR 23:070 Supervision – Hank Cecil shared that he has worked on updating the forms incorporated in this regulation. He asked all to review. He stated some areas had some additions and some had changes. In the supervision contract form, he updated page 3 section D; all agreed to drop the requirement for less than 20 hours of clinical practice so the hours can count toward the LCSW since people may work two jobs at times. Discussion of the “transitional evaluation” and it may be removed for supervisees so that hours can be counted toward their total. Discussion was held in the area about giving a 30-day notice of contract termination and when that may not be feasible. He stated that the board may want to send the revisions to the KY Society for Clinical Social Work to review and provide feedback. The idea of “train the trainer” will be discussed further.

201 KAR 23:075 Continued Education – Hank Cecil shared that the regulation update will need to coincide with the changes in the telehealth law. A discussion was held, and all agreed that the two-hour course needs to be taken every 6 years.

SB255-KRS 335.158 – Hank Cecil reported that the recently passed telehealth law will likely be effective in July this year. Mark Brengelman stated he would research and find out when it will go into effect. During the first meeting with Children’s Alliance to revise the law, all agreed that additions needed to be made in other parts of KRS 335.010 to 170. Hank stated they will continue to work on a draft to be ready for the general assembly next January.

**Code of Ethical Conduct Research Project** – Hank Cecil stated Whitney Cassity-Caywood will provide us with updates in July or August.

**Student Intern Committee**- Hank Cecil reported

Hank shared that the committee met and had a good turnout with several partners present. He stated that the next meeting is in July and hopes to have some data input. He shared that the Medicaid regulation that pertains to the board’s concerns about persons practicing without a license keeps

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getting deferred for various reasons. He is unsure what the next steps will be but will keep all updated. Laura Guffey added that this will be valuable to students in their practicums.

**New Business**

**AI national conversation-** Hank Cecil reported

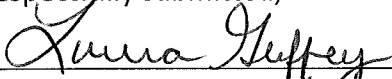
Hank shared that he proposed the ASWB board lead a conversation on the impact of AI in social work. He stated the need to talk with social workers and associates so standards can be made similar to the way standards for technology were done through NASW. He shared that many universities are already using AI to assist with grading papers and that probation and parole use it. Lori Vogel shared that many agencies are using it for interviews and Laura Guffey shared that they are starting to talk about using it at St. Elizabeth Physicians. An example of using AI is ambient voice in a phone or machine that listens to sessions and writes the notes for the nurses. Some concerns are that it pulls the wrong information or old or biased information and that there is no human touch.

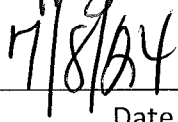
**Announcements** – Brenda Rosen shared that they will be having research meetings on the last Friday in June and in July to help students navigate social work process, etc. They will be having a variety of topics, including topics on compact licensing and the Medicaid changes. She stated this is an opportunity to work together. She also shared that the first virtual NASW conference will be September 30 to October 1 for KY and IN and anyone is welcome to attend.

**Adjournment** - no motion was made to adjourn due to no quorum. This work session for today ended at 12:25 pm.

**Next meeting:** **MONDAY, July 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2024, at 11:30 am ET at the Board Office, 125 Holmes Street, Suite 310, Frankfort, KY 40601, or via the YouTube channel, @KBSW, if it is working properly.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Board Secretary

Board Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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