

Kentucky Board of Social Work
Monthly Board Meeting
May 13, 2024

Board Members Present:

Hank Cecil, LCSW
Santosh Adhikary, LCSW
Whitney Cassity-Caywood, Ph.D., LCSW
Laura Guffey, LSW
Tiffany Payton, Citizen At Large

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 11:31 a.m. ET.

Board Minutes:

April 8, 2024, board meeting minutes – a motion was made by Santosh Adhikary and seconded by Whitney Cassity-Caywood to approve the minutes from the April 8th meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Operations Report:

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

Applications-89

LSW licenses-5

CSW Licenses-36

LCSW Licenses-33

Renewals-123

Temporary permits-8 clinical and 0 non-clinical

Supervision contracts- 79 approved 2 deferred due to page 3 section D. Need hours not %

CEU providers-4 approved

Total number of licensees-7,561

Santosh Adhikary made a motion to accept the Operations report. Whitney Cassity-Caywood seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Financial Report

Whitney Cassity-Caywood reported board expenditures and revenues for month – April income: \$40,873.99; April expenses: \$39,018.23; Fund balance: \$677,746.77. The budget balance remaining for the year: \$34,626.75. Additional funding of \$80,000 was requested by Marc Kelly. It will be needed for the remainder of the fiscal year. Marc Kelly shared that can now process requests through Finance Cabinet's budget analyst vs through LRC. He reported \$370,000 was moved from the cash balance to this year's allotment for this year and whatever is unused will go back into the cash balance.

Board Members Travel and Per Diem:

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Board members per diem and travel for the today's (5/13/24) meeting – Laura Guffey made a motion to approve the Board's per diem and travel for the May 13th meeting. Santosh Adhikary seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Pe diem motion for Lori Vogel and Laura Guffey for their participation in the complaint hearing on April 9, 2024, by Whitney Cassity-Cawood and seconded by Santosh Adhikary. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committees

Application Committee

Laura Guffey, LSW

Applicant 1 –The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved to take the Master exam. Due to this being a committee of 1. Laura Guffey made a motion to approve this recommendation. Santosh Adhikary seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Applicant 2 – The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved to take the Master exam. Due to this being a committee of 1. Laura Guffey made a motion to approve this recommendation. Santosh Adhikary seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Applicant 3- The Committee recommends this applicant's application be approved to take the Master exam. Due to this being a committee of 1. Santosh Adhikary made a motion to approve this recommendation. Whitney Cassity-Caywood seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Applicant 4- The Committee recommends deferral of this applicant's application to be deferred to the June Board meeting. They want to have a conference call with the applicant prior to the next Board meeting. No motion or vote is needed.

Complaint Committee

Santosh Adhikary, LCSW

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-09** as there are no violations under the law. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-18** as there is insufficient evidence to support the initiating complaint. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-20** 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. 24-21**. 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. 24-22**. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-23** as there are no violations under the law. Hank Cecil recused himself and left the room until this complaint was completed by all other Board members. Laura Guffey made a motion to accept this recommendation. Tiffany Peyton seconded. Motion carried voice vote of 4 Board members.

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A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to refer **Complaint No. 24-25** 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. 24-28** as there are no violations under the law. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-30** as there is insufficient evidence to support the initiating complaint. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to dismiss **Complaint No. 24-31** as there is insufficient evidence to support the initiating complaint. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

ASWB updates- Hank Cecil reported

Hank Cecil shared that he; Santosh Adhikary; Whitney Cassity-Caywood; Laura Guffey; and Marc Kelly attended the education meeting this month. Whitney Cassity-Caywood stated it was a great meeting and she made many connections with other states. She shared that Hank Cecil provided a presentation on AI and it was well received. Santosh Adhikary stated Hank represented the Board very well. They all stated there is a lot involved in AI and getting things in place that they did not realize. Hank Cecil stated there is huge competition among google and other companies as AI evolves.

Hank Cecil shared that there will be a new board member training in October and asked Tiffany Peyton to attend. He shared the Delegate Assembly will be in November in San Diego. Whitney Cassity-Caywood shared she wants to serve on the Nominations committee with ASWB and requested support from the board for this endeavor. Santosh Adhikary made a motion to support Whitney Cassity-Caywood to serve on the ASWB committee and Laura Guffey seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote.

Compact Licensing updates- Hank Cecil reported

Hank Cecil shared there are now 12 states that have passed the compact and that Ohio and Georgia have it on their Governor's desks. He stated KY was the fifth state to pass the compact. The Council on State Governments is planning a fall meeting to start the commission to get things going which should take 18-24 months. He stated that the board needs to appoint a commissioner. Santosh Adhikary made a motion for Hank Cecil to be the commissioner. Whitney Cassity-Caywood seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Marc Kelly will be attending as the board's Executive Director.

IT Updates - Hank Cecil reported

The application software is moving forward. Hank shared that while at the ASWB meeting this month he found that other state Boards do not support them getting anything and a lot of them still use paper processing of applications; renewals and etc. Santosh Adhikary thanked Marc Kelly and Vanessa Jones for assisting KY licensees so well. He shared that they are getting valuable feedback from colleagues and others to which he has talked.

Hank Cecil stated that a searchable supervisor page is the next project for the board's website so that supervisors can be searched by city/county to help licensees find an approved supervisor.

Hank Cecil shared that at this time the use of "-S" after the LCSW credential is not approved. Santosh Adhikary agreed and shared that he went to the CEU with a slide about the misrepresentation

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of license and stated they said that is not something anyone can use after their name. Mark Brengelman, Board attorney, stated it can be added into the supervision regulation, so they can use it once the revised regulation is approved. He stated the 2 things all can use after their names at this time are the degree type and the license type. For example, Name, MSW, CSW.

Regulations update – Hank Cecil reported.

201 KAR 23:070 Supervision – Hank Cecil shared a copy of the current regulation. Whitney Cassity-Caywood asked about the education requirements in section 2 to “have a degree from an accredited institution.” All agreed to the change. Hank Cecil then explained “teletherapy” and “telehealth” are included here due to the KRS 335.158. Language is added to clarify that a supervision contract must be in place before starting clinical practice unless they have a temporary permit contract that will remain in place until the CSW supervision contract is approved by the Board. Supervision logs will be required along with a supervised experience documentation form.

201 KAR 23:075 Continued Education – Hank Cecil shared there are only a few changes in this regulation. Sponsorship application is for 12 months and multiple trainings; provider application is for one training at a conference and is for only 1 year.

SB255-KRS 335.158 – Hank Cecil reported that he and Marc Kelly will attend a meeting with the Children’s Alliance about this tomorrow. Several changes were discussed. He stated 2-hour CEU on telehealth may be added to the continued education regulation. Whitney Cassity-Cawood suggested that it be taken every 6 years.

Code of Ethical Conduct Research Project – Whitney Cassity-Caywood reported continued work on this, and this will help licensed social workers to know more about what they can and cannot do, for example, boundary issue violations.

New Business

Student Intern Committee- Hank Cecil reported that the board has seen issues with student interns so would like to have a committee to discuss the issues and make recommendations. He suggested the people to include would be the Clinical Society; NASW; and the KASWE. Laura Guffey requested to be on this committee. All approved of the committee and Hank will contact individuals for a meeting.

Old Business

2024 Listening Session- Whitney Cassity-Caywood reported

Whitney Cassity-Caywood shared that the board’s listening session is set for September and encouraged all to join and to be on the lookout for more information. She suggested that the board host a session every quarter to increase communication. She shared a variety of topics, including supervision and ASWB testing.

Complaint updates- Mark Brengelman reported

Mark provided an update on a complaint case that went to an administrative hearing. He shared it was found that the charge was true and there were various sanction recommendations, including a fine; license suspension; attend therapy; enroll in KYPRN and take a drug test. He shared that Laura Guffey will go over in more detail in the closed session wherein the board can accept or modify. Santosh

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Adhikary made a motion to move into closed session at 1:03 pm. Whitney Cassity-Caywood seconded. All approved and the board moved into closed session.

At 1:08 pm Santosh Adhikary made a motion to move out of the closed session. Laura Guffey seconded. All approved and the board moved back to the open meeting. Santosh Adhikary made a motion to accept the recommendation order as the final order. Whitney Cassity-Caywood seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mark provided an update on complaint cases 22-73; 23-01; and 23-64. He shared these complaints were filed, but the board had not received any responses on them even though the complaint letter states they must submit a response within 20 days of receiving the complaint notice and if they did not they would be in violation of the complaint regulation. He asked for approval to file an order on these cases. Santosh Adhikary made a motion to file orders on all cases. Laura Guffey seconded. All approved by unanimous voice vote.

Announcements – Brenda Rosen shared that the 1st virtual NASW meeting will be September 30, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Adjournment - Hank Cecil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 pm. Seconded by Laura Guffey. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: **MONDAY, JUNE 10th**, 2024, at 11:30 am ET at the Board Office, 125 Holmes Street, Suite 310, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via the board's YouTube Channel if it is working properly for us.

Respectfully submitted,



Board Secretary

Board Approved: _____
Date 6/10/24