

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

MINUTES

JULY 26, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. through virtual video and audio conferencing and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

Board Members Present:

Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Board Chair
George Brenner, MS, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair
Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, Board Liaison, SW Section Chair, Board Designee
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW
Rex Stockton, Ed. D., LMHC, LCSW, LMFT
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O., Psychiatric Physician Member
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Members not Present:

George Brenner, MS, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair logged off at 9:10 a.m.

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Adam Harvey, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Brenner/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of January 25, 2021, and February 22, 2021, as edited.

Viehweg/Harner
8-0-0

IV. APPEARANCE

A. Eric Sears

Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs
Professional Licensing Agency

Mr. Sears appeared to discuss the new Telehealth bill. Mr. Sears explained that the Telehealth certificate for registration does not apply to each profession or license. The certificates are only for practitioners who are working in Indiana. There is a set up for those practitioners are licensed in another State and working in Indiana. The Board asked about how billing is done, as they have received inquiries regarding practitioners are unable to bill. Mr. Sears stated that he does not have a definitive answer to that inquiry, and he will have to do research.

The Board asked Mr. Sears if he had heard about any new appointments for the Behavior Health Board. Mr. Sears stated that the Governor is working on reviewing appointments, and he will get more clarification on where those applications were.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Candice Hall, LMHC, License No. 39002839A

Cause No. 2018 BHSB 0007

Re: Petition for Reinstatement

Parties Present:

Respondent was present with counsel Vincent Mirkov
Amanda Cassidy, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Nick Hart, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Steven Morris, Intern Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Andrew Harner, LCSW
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW
Rex Stockton, Ed. D., LMHC
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O.
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about March 19, 2020, Ms. Hall's license was Suspended in response to the Administrative Complaint against her on April 2, 2019. She has petitioned for the reinstatement of her mental health counselor license.

Mr. Mirkov submitted Exhibit A with no objections by the State. Exhibit A accepted by the Board. Exhibit A is a copy of Ms. Hall's Final Settlement Order issued by the Board.

Mr. Mirkov submitted Exhibit B with no objections by the State. Exhibit B accepted by the Board. This exhibit is a copy of Ms. Hall's request to reinstate her suspended license.

Mr. Mirkov submitted Exhibit C with no objections by the State. Exhibit C accepted by the Board. This exhibit is a copy of the psychological evaluation that Ms. Hall completed.

Mr. Mirkov submitted Exhibit D with no objections by the State. Exhibit D accepted by the Board. This exhibit is a copy of the continuing education certificates Ms. Hall completed.

Mr. Mirkov submitted Exhibit E with no objections by the State. Exhibit E accepted by the Board. This exhibit is a copy of the Order signed by Ms. Hall's employers.

Mr. Mirkov stated that Ms. Hall has paid her fine, but it was not complete within ninety (90) days. The Board confirmed receipt of fine.

Ms. Hall stated that she has learned that what occurred was unprofessional, and that her time away from the field allowed her to have reflection on what occurred. She now takes client confidentiality more seriously and will maintain this focus in the future. The Board asked if she agrees with the psychological assessment that she completed. Ms. Hall stated that she does agree with it. The Board noted that her employment reports had gaps. Ms. Hall explained that she had forgotten to submit some of them, as she had not been in the office for those dates. She stated that she works at three different employers and moves between locations as needed. She ensures that the work she completes at each employment does not require a license. Her continuing education allowed her to learn more about the importance of supervision and how it impacts her and her clients. She stated that her current supervision has brought back her confidence. The Board asked about her self-care routine. Ms. Hall explained that she stays in counseling and is no longer suppressing her issues. She said the discussions she does has with her therapist are helpful. ~~helps her~~. She is also no longer in her toxic relationship that caused her mental stress.

Mr. Mirkov stated that Ms. Hall is not perfect, but she is improving, and the presented exhibits shows the steps she has taken to improve herself. She has admitted struggling in following the order presented by the Board, but she has complied with what was requested. He asked that the Board grant the reinstatement of her license. The State attested that the burden of proof is on Ms. Hall, and they recommend that the Board follow the psychological assessment that Ms. Hall completed.

Board Action: Based upon the testimony and documentation presented, a motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Hall's mental health counselor license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

- A. Licensee's Mental Health Counselor license is reinstated on Indefinite Probation with no right to petition for removal of the probation until at least one (1) year from the effective date of this Order.
- B. Licensee shall keep the Board apprised of the following information and updated as necessary:
 - i. Current residential address, mailing address, and telephone number;
 - ii. Place of employment and employment telephone number;
 - iii. Occupation title and work schedule, including number of hours worked per week.
- C. Licensee shall be supervised by a licensed provider as approved by the Board.
- D. Licensee shall cause a copy of this Order to be delivered to Licensee's employer and supervisor who shall sign the Order, acknowledging the terms of the Order, and return same to the Board for filing therewith.
- E. The Licensee shall remain in counseling with a licensed provider as approved by the Board or as previously utilized by Licensee during their suspension.
- F. Licensee shall cause both their Counselor and their employment supervisor to provide quarterly reports about Licensee's treatment and employment performance to the Board.
- G. The Licensee shall make personal appearances before the Board on a quarterly basis throughout the duration of Probation.
- H. Licensee shall not violate any state or federal laws regulating Mental Health Counselors or the practice of Mental Health Counseling thereof.
- I. Licensee shall notify the Board in writing of any discipline incurred in Indiana or any other states during the duration of Licensee's probation, including, but not limited to, any relevant criminal or licensing charges which are pending.
- J. Licensee's failure to comply with the terms of this decision, and terms of probation, may subject Licensee to a show cause hearing and the imposition of further sanctions.

Stockton/Harner
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Clayton Carl, L.S.W., License No. 33004026A
Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0010
Re: Appeal of Denial of Reinstatement

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Andrew Harner, LCSW
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW
Rex Stockton, Ed. D., LMHC
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O.
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about April 26, 2021, the Board denied Mr. Carl's request for reinstatement based upon his failure to appear. Mr. Carl stated that he missed his appearance since he placed the wrong date in his calendar. He stated that he was requesting the reinstatement of his social worker license as he was seeking employment that required a license. He clarified that previous employments did not require him to have a license. Mr. Carl's license expired on April 1, 2010, and since that time he has been convicted of driving under the influence (DUI). He was required to stay in jail for three (3) days, complete a criminal probation, pay fines, and complete a substance abuse course. He completed all requirements within six (6) weeks. The Board inquired what employment he is pursuing once his license is reinstated. Mr. Carl stated that he was looking at positions in home care. The Board informed Mr. Carl that his employer might not have required a license, but to practice in the State of Indiana a license is required. The Board stated that they had requested his appearance more than once, and if he can explain why he did not appear for those previous requests. Mr. Carl stated he could not clarify why he did not appear. The Board asked if Mr. Carl has copies of his completed criminal probation. Mr. Carl stated that he did not as he did not know that would be requested.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Mr. Carl's request for appeal.

Harner/Cunningham
Motion carried 7-0-0

C. Anna Marie Schillinger
Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0009
Re: Appeal of Denial

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Andrew Harner, LCSW
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW
Rex Stockton, Ed. D., LMHC
Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O.
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: Ms. Schillinger submitted an appeal of the denial of her social worker licensure application, which was denied on May 25, 2021, for failure of the ASWB Masters examination. Ms. Schillinger has been approved to take the ASWB Master level examination three (3) times and has not passed. She informed the Board that she is not a good test taker, and she suffers from test anxiety. She has taken the examination prep courses and has a body of professional work under her belt. She has provided letters of support for a license for the Board to review. The Board inquired if she has requested any special accommodations with the ASWB due to her test anxiety. Ms. Schillinger stated that she has not.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Schillinger's appeal.
Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Schillinger to sit for the ASWB exam for the fourth (4) time without an additional appearance before the Board.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-0-0

D. Margaret Heine, LMFT, License No. 35002100A
Cause No 2021 BHSB 0007
Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent was present with counsel Michael Progar (substitute for Vincent Mirkov)
Amanda Cassidy, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Steven Morris, Intern Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Andrew Harner, LCSW
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW
Rex Stockton, Ed. D., LMHC
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O.
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Witnesses for the State:

Amanda Elmore, Case Analyst, Office of the Attorney General
Tim Dice

Case Summary: On or about June 1, 2021, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Heine with allegations of criminal convictions that have a bearing on her ability to practice competently. Ms. Heine has signed a plea agreement and is currently on criminal probation with terms set forth by the court. She has been terminated by her employer Wexford Health due to the criminal conviction.

State Witness Amanda Elmore investigated the Complaint filed against Ms. Heine. The State submitted Exhibit E with no objections from Mr. Progar. Exhibit E is a copy of the criminal court documents regarding Ms. Heine's charges. On August 4, 2020, Respondent was charged with Trafficking with an Inmate, a Class A Misdemeanor, in Miami County, Indiana under cause number 52D01-2008-CM-000439. On October 27, 2020, Respondent pleaded guilty to Trafficking with an Inmate, a Class A Misdemeanor. On October 28, 2020, Respondent was sentenced to criminal probation for three hundred sixty-three (363) days. It is noted that Ms. Heine plead guilty.

State Witness Tim Dice. Mr. Dice worked at the Miami Correctional Facility as an investigator. Mr. Dice stated that he had worked at the facility where Ms. Heine was providing therapeutic services to inmates.

The State submitted Exhibit A with no objection from Mr. Progar. Exhibit A is a copy of Mr. Dice's investigative report.

The State submitted Exhibit B with no objection from Mr. Progar. Exhibit B is photos of contraband found in Ms. Heine's belongings.

The State submitted Exhibit C with no objection from Mr. Progar. Exhibit C is a photograph of the book that the contraband was hidden in.

Ms. Heine clarified that she was being threatened by the inmate to smuggle the contraband. She had reported it to her employer, but she started receiving threats from other inmates and they escalated in severity. She stated that she did not report to the police as the inmates had provided information that they knew where her family lived. Ms. Heine stated that she did receive payments from a cash app from the inmates.

The State submitted Exhibit D. Mr. Progar stated that the video Exhibit might lead to identity theft since this was a public meeting. The State said they would ensure that no information that contained identifying information would be shown. Mr. Progar had no further objections. Exhibit D was a video recording of the interview of Ms. Heine and the police during their investigation of the events.

Ms. Heine stated that she did not report the threats to the police as they knew too much of her personal information for her to feel safe. She also was aware that some inmates received unfair treatment if incidents were reported. She also did not trust the different ways to report incidents. She has never had any other discipline against her license before, or criminal charges before.

Mr. Progar submitted Exhibit 1 with no objection from the State. Exhibit 1 is a copy of Ms. Heine's criminal probation terms. The assessment as completed by the court system shows that Ms. Heine is considered low risk. The evaluation by the Bowen Center recommended counseling sessions. Ms. Heine stated that she is no longer going to be working in that work environment again.

Ms. Heine was employed with Wexford Health of Indiana as a Mental Health Professional, working within the Indiana Department of Corrections at Miami Correctional Facility. The State concluded that Ms. Heine pled guilty and was found to have trafficked contraband into the facility to an inmate. She was not able to present evidence of threats against her and she abused her role as a therapist. Ms. Heine was terminated from Wexford on August 4, 2020.

The State recommended that Ms. Heine's license be suspended for no less than three (3) years. Mr. Progar concluded that Ms. Heine acted out of fear for the safety of her family. He stated that the supervision Ms. Heine experienced at Wexford was not sufficient because if it were, she would have felt safe enough to report the matter to her supervisor. Mr. Progar asked that Board to place Ms. Heine on probation for at least one (1) year.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to suspend Ms. Heine's license for a period of no less than one (1) year, and she must complete a fitness for duty evaluation prior to her request to come off suspension.

Harner/no second- motion died.

A motion was made and seconded that the State has met their burden of proof that Ms. Heine has violated Ind Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A).

Harner/Stockton

Motion carried 6-0-1 (Brenner not present. Cunningham abstained.)

A motion was made and seconded to place Ms. Heine's license on indefinite suspension. Prior to petitioning for reinstatement, Ms. Heine shall successfully complete her criminal probation. Respondent shall submit proof of completion to IPLA prior to petitioning for reinstatement and she shall undergo a fitness for duty evaluation by a Health Service Provider in Psychology. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order and the judgment in her criminal matter to the evaluator. Respondent shall submit any recommendations made as a result of the evaluation to IPLA prior to petitioning for reinstatement.

Viehweg/Gardner

Motion carried 5-1-1 (Harner- nay. Cunningham abstained.)

VI. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A. Jennifer A. Franklin, LMHC, License No. 39003015A

Cause No. 2020 BHSB 0020
Re: Proposed Settlement Agreement

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present
Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Andrew Harner, LCSW
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW
Rex Stockton, Ed. D., LMHC
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Elizabeth Cunningham, D.O.
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about July 16, 2020, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Franklin with allegations that she entered into a romantic relationship with her client which is a violation of Ind Cod. 25-1-9-4(a)(3) and 839 IAC 1-5-5(1). A Proposed Settlement Agreement was presented to the Board with the following terms:

- Ms. Franklin’s Mental Health Counselor’s license shall be placed on Indefinite Suspension for no less than two (2) years.
- Prior to the reinstatement of her license, Ms Franklin must complete:
 - Twelve (12) hours of Continuing Education in professionalism/ethics and twelve (12) hours of Continuing Education in boundaries. She shall submit copies of her certificates of completion to IPLA.
 - Ms. Franklin shall complete and submit a fitness for duty and psychological examination from an HSPP within two (2) months of her reinstatement petition.
- Ms. Franklin shall pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

The State informed the Board that Ms. Franklin has already signed the Settlement Agreement on September 29th.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Settlement Agreement in the matter of Ms. Franklin.

Brenner/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0

VII. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Reinstatement

1. Sandra A. Metz, LMFT, License No. 35001743A

Ms. Metz appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her license that was retired in 2018. She stated that she wished to return to Indiana so she could perform telehealth services. She is currently living out of the State and has the intention to

move back within the next five (5) years. She submitted thirty (30) hours of completed continuing education certificates and a statement for the Board to review.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Metz's application for reinstatement pending the completion of the jurisprudence exam, and the submission of an additional ten (10) hours of approved continuing education.

Brenner/Gardner
Motion carried 8-0-0

2. Sarah M. Sexson, LSW, License No. 33006973A

Ms. Sexson appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her license that expired in 2016. She submitted forty (40) hours of completed continuing education certificates and a statement for the Board to review. Ms. Sexson explained that she was currently employed when she obtained her continuing education for reinstatement. The continuing education that she completed was sponsored by Landmark Recovery which is not an approved provider. She clarified that she was informed by her supervisor that this continuing education could be counted.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Sexson's application for reinstatement pending proof that Landmark is an approved continuing education provider, or submission of an additional twenty (20) hours of continuing education from an approved provider.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0

B. Application

1. Sophia Renee Binkley (LCACA)

Ms. Binkley appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to " Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?" Ms. Binkley submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. In 2005 she was convicted of leaving the scene of an accident. She stated that the incident occurred when she was in her early twenties and that she has completed the criminal probation. She completed a substance abuse course sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She has been in continuous recovery and will reach her seventeenth year this year. Ms. Binkley is a 2021 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Binkley’s application to sit for the national examination.

Brenner/Stockton
Motion carried 8-0-0

2. Sarah M. Carlson (LSW)

Ms. Carlson appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to “Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?” She submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. In 2006 she was convicted of a Class D Felony of receiving stolen property and in 2007 she was convicted of a criminal misdemeanor of marijuana. The Board noted that she has been working at the Bowen Center for one and a half years, and what caused her delay in obtaining licensure. Ms. Carlson stated that she got caught up in the day-to-day activities and procrastinated in obtaining her license. She stated that her work did not require a license, so she did not pursue it. The Board advised her that while her work did not require a license, to practice in the State of Indiana, she is required to be licensed. Ms. Carlson is a 2019 graduate of Indiana University South Bend.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Carlson’s application to sit for the ASWB Master’s examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0

3. Joseph Deno (LSW)

Mr. Deno appeared as requested to discuss his yes response to “Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?” Mr. Deno submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. In 2011 he was convicted of misdemeanors of criminal mischief, public intoxication, criminal trespass, and illegal consumption. Charges were dismissed after completion of a diversion agreement. He stated that he is currently working for the Methodist center and uses his experiences to relate with his clients. Mr. Deno is a 2021 graduate of Indiana University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Deno's application to take the ASWB Master's examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0

4. Mania Jackson (LMHCA)

Jackson appeared as request to discuss why she did not disclose her background. Jackson submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. She explained that she was under the impression that her record was expunged, and that she had provided documentation to that effect. The Board stated that not all charges had been expunged. The Board found that her statement and additional supporting documents met their concerns. Jackson is a 2020 graduate of Martin University. They noted that the educational course 514 met the criteria of Foundations better than the one she selected.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Jackson's application to sit for the NCE examination.

Richardson/Brenner
Motion carried 8-0-0

5. Michele R. Kenney (LMFT)

Ms. Kenney appeared per her request to discuss her LMFT application. She stated that she did not agree with the review that said she must hold the LMFTA for two years before she was granted her LMFT license as she had obtained all her hours for the license. The Board stated that she obtained her Associate in 2020. Ms. Kenney stated that the review process for her LMFTA took some time to complete as she had trouble showing she met the educational requirements. The Board stated that the statute does outline of the accrual of hours and tells applicants that they must hold their Associate for two years. The Board stated that that her application will be tabled until the two (2) year mark which will be February 2022. They advised her to submit updated supervision and experience forms at that time.

6. Shon M. Ridenour (LMHCA)

Mr. Ridenour appeared as requested to discuss why he did not disclose his background. Mr. Ridenour submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. He stated that he was not trying to deceive the Board as the thought it would not come back. Mr. Ridenour stated that his currently going through the expungement process. The Board noted that he meets all the educational criteria. Mr. Ridenour is a 2021 graduate of Liberty University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Ridenour's application to sit for the NCE examination.

Richardson/Stockton
Motion carried 8-0-0

7. James Woodard (LAC)

Mr. Woodard appeared as requested to discuss his application for a Temporary Permit. Mr. Woodard was approved to take the national examination on March 10, 2021. Mr. Woodard had submitted a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review on his previous application. The Board had approved him to test, and if approved his license is required to be placed on probation status.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Woodard's LAC temporary permit on a probation status with the same terms as the LMHCA temporary permit.

Brenner/Stockton
Motion carried 8-0-0

C. Probation

1. **Lisa Renee Pacheco, LMHC, LCAC, License No. 39001143A, 87001221A**
Cause No. 2018 BHSB 0010

Ms. Pacheco did not appear as requested for her probation appearance.

2. **Erin Clarey, LCSW, License No. 34008591A**
Cause No. 2019 BHSB 0010

Ms. Clarey appeared as requested to discuss her probation. She last appeared before the Board on April 26, 2021. She informed the Board that she is starting a new job tomorrow at Golden Living Systems. She informed her new employer regarding the current status of her license. She is still attending AA twice a week and seeing a therapist and sponsor. The Tennessee discipline has been resolved. The Board noted that they have not reviewed any individual or group counseling reports as required. She was told at the April meeting to have the reports submitted but as of this date the report has not been submitted. Ms. Clarey stated that she was not aware she needed to submit reports. The Board advised her to review her probation order to ensure she follows the terms required.

VIII. DISCUSSION

- A. **Hannah Lee Cooper, LSW, License No. 33006534A**
Cause No. 2020 BHSB 0012
Re: Motion to Dismiss

Ms. Cooper has passed away.

Board Action: A motion was made and second to accept the Motion to Dismiss in the matter of Ms. Cooper.

Harner/Brenner

Motion carried 8-0-0

IX. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Carol Elizabeth Seddon (LCSW)

Ms. Seddon applied for Clinical Social Work by endorsement. She obtained a Maryland license in the nineties (90s); however, the national examination that she took is the Advanced Generalists Examination. The Board has determined that this examination is not an equivalent examination for licensure as a Clinical Social Worker. The Board advised staff to notify her to withdraw her application or submit additional documentation for examination approval for the ASWB Clinical examination.

B. Abayomi Nichols ((LMHC)

Ms. Nichols applied for Mental Health Counseling by endorsement. She is currently licensed in Illinois, but the NBCC has contacted her to state they cannot release the scores. The NBCC indicated that her examination scores are too old, and they no longer have records of the examination. The Board members reviewed the statements by the NBCC and the requirements for licensure for Illinois when she obtained her initial license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Nichols' application for licensure pending the passing of the jurisprudence examination.

Richardson/Stockton
Motion carried 8-0-0

X. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General's office reported to the Board that they have 72 open complaints and they have closed 78 since the beginning of the year. The average age of the open complaints is 6.5 months. There are currently 17 open litigation cases with only 9 opened this year. The average duration of the litigation cases are 7.1 months.

XI. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application reviews.

Brenner/Gardner
Motion carried 8-0-0

XII. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

There was no continuing education application for review.

XIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There were no old/new business to discuss.

XIV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

There was no administrator report.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 3:29 p.m. by general consensus.

Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW,
LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Chair

Date