

# **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD**

## **Minutes April 21, 2025**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Mr. Jon Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, Room W064, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum with Indiana Code § IC 25-23.6-2.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair  
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Vice Chair  
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Section Chair  
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee  
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Section Chair  
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT, Section Chair  
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member  
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

#### **Board Members Not Present:**

Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker - Vacant

#### **State Officials Present:**

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

Zoom was not available.

### **II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

Justice/Richardson  
Motion carried 7-0-0 Gardner not present.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 24, 2025, as amended.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey  
Motion carried 7-0-0 Gardner not present.

### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**A. Natalie Huddleston (LMFTA)**

Cause No. 202503-BHS-0009

Re: Appeal of Denial of Licensure

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW,

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW

Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT

Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about March 3, 2025 the Board received a notice of appeal of denial of Ms. Huddleston's marriage and family therapist application as she did not successfully complete the AMFTRB examination. She stated that she did not pass the exam by two points, and stated that the Board should consider her disabilities in determining the acceptance of her scores. She submitted exhibits A-H for the Board to consider which includes a copy of her medical diagnosis, examination scores, copy of her application, and letters of recommendation. The Board marked exhibits E and H as confidential due to HIPPA compliance. The Board inquired if she received accommodations for her examination. She indicated that she did have accommodations, and provided an overview of that process for the Board. She discussed her struggles with the examination, and the methods she used to prepare to take the examination. The Board stated that they understood her position; however, they have to go by the statute and rules which requires the passing of the examination for licensure.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Huddleston's right to appeal, but uphold the decision to deny her marriage and family therapist licensure application.

Gardner/Richardson

Motion carried 8-0-0

**B. Oliver Williams, LCSW, License No. 34006377A**

Cause No. 202501-BHS-0001

Re: Administrative Complaint and Notice of Proposed Default

Notice of Proposed Dismissal of Respondents Surrender Request

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was not present

Jacy Rush, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, (Hearing Officer)  
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW,  
Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC  
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC  
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW  
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT,  
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member  
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about January 7, 2025 an administrative complaint was filed against Mr. Williams with allegations of an inappropriate relationship with a client, and failure to keep abreast of current standards of professional practice. Mr. Williams submitted a request to surrender his Indiana license. On or about March 24, 2025, Mr. Williams failed to appear for the hearing on the complaint and his request for surrender. The Board issued a Notice of Proposed Default, and Notice of Proposed Dismissal to surrender his Indiana license at the March meeting.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to issue a motion to dismiss Mr. Williams' request to surrender his Indiana license.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 8-0-0

Ms. Rush indicated that Mr. Williams has failed to appear to address the Administrative Complaint and requested that he be found in default.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to find Mr. Williams in default.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 8-0-0

Ms. Rush submitted state exhibits 1-3 which is a copy of the consumer complaint, email responses of the investigation, and an affidavit from Brittany Ulrey. Ms. Rush stated that Mr. Williams has engaged in a sexual relationship with a client. She stated that during the investigation, he did admit to the sexual relationship to the State, and did not dispute the allegations filed against him. Based upon this admission she is requesting that the Board impose sanctions against Mr. Williams' license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and second to suspend Mr. Williams' license with the following terms:

- Indefinite suspension for no less than 1 year

- Prior to requesting reinstatement of suspension, he must complete within 90 days of his reinstatement request a fitness for duty evaluation by an HSPP and follow all treatment recommendations
- Must complete 20 hours of CE in boundaries and ethics.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 8-0-0

**C. Amanda Stroud, LSW, License No. 330120742A**

Cause No. 2024 BHSB 0009

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was not present

Jacy Rush, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW,

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW

Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT,

Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about February 13, 2024 Ms. Stroud's license was placed on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation until criminal probation has been completed
- While on probation, must complete the following terms:
  - Keep the Board up to date on her contact information
  - Keep the Board up to date on her employment, supervisor, and their contact information
  - Keep the Board up to date on her title and work schedule
- Have the Final Board order signed by employer, and submit signed order to the Board
- Appear before the Board bi-annually while on probation
- Follow all statute and rules of the profession.

Ms. Stroud stated that she has met all the terms of her probation, and is requesting a withdraw of her probation status. She submitted Exhibits 1-3 for the Board to review which includes a copy of her signed order, proof of the release of her criminal probation, and a letter of support from her supervisor. Ms. Stroud discussed with the Board of what she learned from being on probation and an overview of her support system.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Stroud's Petition to withdraw the probation status.

Viehweg/Justice

Motion carried 8-0-0

**D. Kellie Sheets, LCSW, License No. 34010724A**

Cause No. 202408-BHS-0049

Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was present

Laura Iosue, Respondent counsel present

Autumn Murphy, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW,

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW

Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT,

Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about August 22, 2024, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Sheets with allegations of entering a romantic relationship with a client and failing to keep up to date with current standards of practice. On or about April 15, 2025 a Settlement was reached followed by a Pre-Settlement conference with the Board liaison Martin Justice. The following terms were agreed upon:

- Indefinite suspension for no less than eighteen (18) months
- Prior to requesting reinstatement, Ms. Sheets shall:
  - Complete at least one (1) year of documented therapy sessions at a frequency of no less than monthly
    - Therapist must not have prior professional or personal relationship with Ms. Sheets
    - Therapist's license shall be fully unencumbered as a mental health counselor, clinical social worker, or health service provider in psychology
    - Within 10 days before Ms. Sheet's first scheduled session with her therapist, she shall provide a copy of the final settlement order to her therapist. Her therapist shall sign the order, and submit it to the Board.
    - After the conclusion of the one (1) year of sessions, Ms. Sheets shall have her therapist submit a report to the Board outlining frequency of visits, whether Ms. Sheets participated in good faith, and if there are any recommendations of further treatment.

- Within ninety (90) days of petitioning reinstatement, Ms. Sheets shall complete a fitness for duty evaluation by an HSPP psychologist, and follow any treatment recommendations.
  - HSPP psychologist must not have prior professional or personal relationship with Ms. Sheets
  - HSPP psychologist's license shall be fully unencumbered as a mental health counselor, clinical social worker, or health service provider in psychology
  - Within 60 days before prior to petitioning reinstatement, the fitness for duty shall be submitted to the Board.
  - Ms. Sheet's agrees that the Board may discuss the contents of the fitness for duty evaluation report during any future hearing requested by Ms. Sheets.
- Complete 24 hours of CEUs
  - 12 CE must be in professionalism/ethics
  - 12 CE must be in boundaries
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited in the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

The State informed the Board that there were two violation concerns, and the matter was reported to Ms. Sheet's HR representative. The client in question was discharged and obtained a new therapist. After the client had a new therapist, they reached out to Ms. Sheets who provided that client with her personal number. Ms. Sheets resigned from her employment after an investigation. The State indicated that current Ms. Sheet's Facebook shows romantic pictures, and her status shows she is engaged to the client. Ms. Iosue stated that the relationship occurred after the client disengaged services, and Ms. Sheets is no longer a practicing professional.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the settlement agreement.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 8-0-0

**E. Carrie Hauck, LMHC, LCAC, License No. 39003749A, 87001729A**  
Cause No. 202408-BHS-0049  
Re: Petition for Reinstatement

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was present  
Lori Brown, Respondent counsel present  
Jacy Rush, Deputy Attorney General  
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, (Hearing Officer)  
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW,  
Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC  
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW  
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT,  
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member  
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about September 13, 2024 Ms. Hauck agreed to the following Settlement Agreement terms:

- Indefinite Suspension for no less than six (6) months
- Prior to requesting reinstatement she must complete:
  - 12 hours of CE in professionalism/ethics and 12 hours of CE in boundaries. Ms. Hauck shall submit copies of her completed certificates to the Board.
  - Complete and submit a fitness for duty evaluation from an HSPP psychologist, and follow all recommendations
  - Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited in the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

Ms. Brown provided an overview of what lead to the violation concern of a romantic relationship with a client. She stated that Ms. Hauck did not understand transference, and was told that she could not transfer her client to another therapist. Ms. Hauck provided the Board an overview of what she had learned from her CE trainings, and completed thirty (30) hours as stated in exhibit A. She provided a letter of support from her current counselor in exhibit D. She submitted exhibits B and C which are copies of her fitness for duty and therapist reports for the Board to review. She discussed her current support system and that she has a better supervisor to provide clinical support. She stated that if she is reinstated, she will be opening her own private telehealth practice, but provide case evaluations to a clinical supervisor. She stated that she does not have a formal contract with the clinical supervisor. The State recommended if the Board shall reinstate her license, that it be placed on probation.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Hauck's license on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year.
- Must be supervised by Dr. Newbauer, or a supervisor approved by the Board. Ms. Hauck must meet with her supervisor two (2) times a month
- Supervisor must submit quarterly reports on her progress
- Therapist must provide quarterly reports on her progress
- Ms. Hauck must appear before the Board at least twice while on probation
- Must complete 20 hours of CE in ethics, boundaries, and trauma
- Final Board order must be signed by supervisor and submitted to the Board
- Provide a copy of supervisor contract agreement between Ms. Hauck and her supervisor
- Follow all statute and rules of the profession

Cooper-Bolinskey/Richardson

Motion carried 8-0-0

**F. Stephanie Sons, LSW, License No. 33012435A**

Cause No. 202408-BHS-0047

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW,

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW

Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT,

Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Board Witness:**

Bradley Repass, Litigation Specialist, Professional Licensing Agency

**Case Summary:** On or about August 20, 2024, the Board voted to place Ms. Sons on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than three (3) months
- While on probation, must complete the following terms:
  - Keep the Board up to date on her contact information
  - Keep the Board up to date on her employment, supervisor, and their contact information
  - Keep the Board up to date on her title and work schedule
- Have the Final Board order signed by employer, and submit signed order to the Board
- Shall complete 10 hours of CE in ethics or licensure
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence examination.
- Comply with all statute and rules of the profession.

Ms. Sons stated that she has met all the terms of her probation, and that her criminal matters were expunged in May 2024. The Board inquired if she had any documentation of her expungement. She stated that she was not given any documentation but was informed that was expunged by the court. The Board inquired if there was confirmation that she passed the jurisprudence exam.

Mr. Repass, litigation specialist for IPLA, confirmed receipt and passage of the exam. Ms. Sons discussed what she learned from her continuing education courses and her current role. The Board expressed concerns regarding her current practice as she is indicated she is working as a 1099 employee while under supervision. She



stated that she became a 1099 employee to allow more flexibility for her schedule. The Board expressed concerns that she is working outside her scope and not following the statute and rules of the profession.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Sons' petition for withdraw of probation.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 8-0-0

## **V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

### **A. Application**

#### **1. Lora Braswell (LMFT)**

Ms. Braswell appeared as requested to discuss her application, and provide clarification on her post-degree experience and supervision. She graduated with her Master degree in 2008, and does not currently hold an associate license in the State of Indiana. The Board noted that her education meets licensure requirements but inquired why she is pursuing a license now. She stated that her employer is requiring all therapists obtain their license. Ms. Braswell stated that she has been working as a therapist since 2017 and has been supervised continuously from that time. The Board noted that the State requires that she hold a license to practice, even if she is working under supervision. She indicated that she was unaware of that requirement as her employer did not require it. She stated that she was only made aware recently that a license was required for practice. She stated that she did hold an associate license in the state of Michigan, but it is expired. She did attempt the national examination in the state of Alabama, but did not pass. The Board expressed concerns of the length of time she has been practicing without a license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Braswell's application to the marriage and family therapy associate license, approve her to test for the AMFTRB examination, and issue her temporary permit and license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

- Indefinite probation for no less than six (6) months.
- Have her employer sign the final order and submit the signed order to the Board.
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence examination.
- Submit quarterly employer reports on her progress while on probation.
- Complete 10 hours of continuing education in ethics and licensure.

Gardner/Richardson  
Motion carried 8-0-0

#### **2. Rachel Brown (LCSW)**

Ms. Brown did not appear. She submitted an email to the Board requesting to reschedule her appearance. Ms. Browns's appearance will be rescheduled.

### 3. LaQoandra Harding (LCAC)

Ms. Harding appeared as requested to discuss her application and provide clarification on her post-degree experience and supervision. The Board noted that her education meets the requirements; however, a transcript is required which verifies the date of completion on the practicum form. Ms. Harding stated that she completed a separate practicum as a non-degree seeking student and that the school does not provide transcripts. The Board staff indicated that universities have provided those transcripts in the past, and she needs to reach out to her school to provide her a new transcript that shows completion of her practicum.

The Board noted that the documentation on her experience and supervision forms indicates that she is counting hours before her master's degree was awarded, and without her holding the associate license. The Board informed her how her hours can be counted and accrued in addition to how to practice safely for herself and her clients. Ms. Harding indicated that she was unaware that she needed the associate license to practice.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Harding's application to the clinical addiction counselor associate and issue on probation with following terms and conditions pending receipt of an updated transcript showing completion of the practicum:

- Indefinite probation for no less than six (6) months
- Have her employer sign her final order, and submit the signed order to the Board
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence examination
- Submit quarterly employer reports on her progress while on probation
- Complete 10 hours of continuing education in ethics and licensure

Cooper-Bolinsky/Justice  
Motion carried 8-0-0

### 4. Awbrey McWhorter (LMHCA)

Ms. McWhorter appeared as requested to discuss her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She previously was approved to test for the mental health counselor associate license, but never tested. Since her last application she obtained a charge. She acknowledged her responsibility for what occurred and regrets the situation. She informed the Board that she did temporarily step away from the profession, and she has been working to improve herself. She provided the Board an overview of her individual therapy, support groups she attended, and support system. She has completed all terms of her criminal probation. The Board discussed concerns as to her second incident and the time frame between incidents are close together. The Board stated that they would like to see a substance abuse evaluation.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded for Ms. McWhorter to provide a substance abuse evaluation for review by the Mental Health section and approve her for the NCE examination.

Richardson/Justice  
Motion carried 8-0-0

#### **5. Jennifer Rohrer (LCAC)**

Ms. Rohrer appeared per her request to discuss using “field experience” in place of the practicum requirement. She stated that she has held the LAC license for two years, and was able to use “field experience” for that license level. She previously appeared before the Board regarding this request on August 21, 2023. Ms. Rohrer requested that the Board grant her licensure as she has taken and passed the AADC exam, is currently 15 years sober, and has experience in the field. Ms. Rohrer stated that she discussed this matter with some Indiana lawmakers who informed her that they put “field experience” to allow flexibility for licensure, and she is advocating for herself. The Board stated that they appreciate her perspective; however, they have not granted “field experience” to be used for the Master level license in place of the practicum. They inquired if the work she was doing for her “field experience” was clinical level work. She stated that it was not. The Board noted that they would not be able to count her “field experience” as it was not clinical work, or under the umbrella of a university. They discussed the concern that if she was doing “field experience” at the clinical level, there would be a concern of working outside her current license scope and considered the unlicensed practice. The Board noted that they cannot use her submitted work experience in place of the practicum requirements, and if put to a vote, her application would be denied. Ms. Rohrer requested that her application be withdrawn.

Application was withdrawn.

#### **6. Amber Stevenson (LCSW)**

Ms. Stevenson appeared as requested to discuss why she did not disclose her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that the Board had reviewed her background for her LSW application, and nothing changed since she last applied. She stated that she misread that application questions, and it was not her intention to mislead the Board.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Stevenson to test for the ASWB Clinical examination.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 8-0-0

#### **7. Rebecca Wright (LCAC)**

Ms. Wright appeared as requested to provide clarification on her post-degree experience and supervision as she does not currently hold an associate license to practice. Ms. Wright stated that she is currently working under supervision, and that she did apply for the clinical addiction counselor associate license previously, but did not pass the examination. She expressed frustration with the possibility having to do her hours over. The Board stated that they understand her frustrations and have been working to make everyone aware of needing a license to practice. However, the hours she earned cannot be used as she did not hold a license to practice. She stated that she did not pursue the examination after she failed as she is not a good test taker.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Wright's license application to the clinical addiction counselor associate license, approve her to test, and issue her temporary permit and license on probation with the following terms and conditions:

- Indefinite probation for no less than six (6) months.
- Have her employer sign her final order and submit the signed order to the Board.
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence examination.
- Submit quarterly employer reports on her progress while on probation.
- Complete 10 hours of continuing education in ethics and licensure.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Viehweg  
Motion carried 8-0-0

## **B. Reinstatement**

### **1. Mechele Sellers-Edmonds, LCSW, License No. 34001926A**

Ms. Sellers-Edmonds did not appear as requested. She will be rescheduled for May 19, 2025.

## **VI. DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion.

## **VII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

There were no applications for review.

## **VIII. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS**

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the application reviews.

Richardson/Viehweg  
Motion carried 8-0-0

## **IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW**

### **A. InCompass Healthcare**

The Board discussed the CE application. Mr. Justice stated that the presenter was an LCSW. Mr. Gardner noted that the training appears to be extensive.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the continuing education application.

Gardner/Richardson  
7-0-1 Cooper-Bolinskey abstain.

**B. Kristina Chestnut, Sign2Communicate**

The Board discussed the CE application. Mr. Gardner noted that the training seems to be basic sign language courses, and did not have any teachings on how it will specifically address the mental health field. The Board noted they will need more clarity on the objectives or strategies on how sign language will be taught to work in mental health setting.

Application tabled for further information and clarification.

**X. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Heather Kennedy introduced herself as the new Section Chief of the Licensing Division of the Office of Attorney General. She indicated that they are revamping their report system and providing reports periodically rather than monthly. She stated that monthly reports sometimes only show minor fluctuations, and a quarterly report will be able to show a better indicator of an overarching review of the complaint process.

She reported to the Board that they have had 14 new complaints opened within the past 30 days, 145 current open complaints, and they have closed 88 since the beginning of the year. Primarily the complaints against respondents were from Marion County followed by Allen County. The complaints were filed from complainant in Marion County followed by outside the State/Country. The content of the complaints are unlicensed practice, unprofessional conduct, and professional malpractice. The average age of open complaints is 6.8 months and primarily against mental health counselors and clinical social workers.

There were 3 litigation cases closed in the past 30 days with 14 open litigation cases. The average duration of litigation cases is 6.1 months. Litigation has occurred outside of the State/County. The current litigation charges are for lewd/immoral conduct followed by client abandonment. Primarily the charges have been filed against Clinical Social Workers.

The Board inquired if unlicensed practice is an issue for other licensing Boards. Ms. Kennedy stated that it is a concern in other professions, and there have been discussions on the best way to educate. Currently there have been Cease and Desists being issued by the AG's office, but they want to try to address the concern with early prevention.

**XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old/new business.

**XII. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT**

Cindy Vaught, Board Director IPLA, presented the Administrator Report.

For March 2025 the Board received a total of 408 new applications of which 75 were applied by reciprocity, issued 338 licenses, denied 102 applications for failing the examination, and abandoned 151 applications.

She stated that there are currently 2,859 pending applications. Of that number there are 1,366 applications pending that have been approved to test and IPLA is waiting for examination scores to be reported back.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by general consensus.