

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

**Minutes
July 28, 2025**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Stephan Viehweg called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W064, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum with Indiana Code § IC 25-23.6-2.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board 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
Erin Sutton, Litigation Specialist, Professional Licensing Agency
Adam Harvey, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmGUPcwqyi8>

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Cooper-Bolinskey/Richardson
Motion carried 6-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of May 19, 2025, and June 23, 2025.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice

Motion carried 6-0-0

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Timothy Theye, LCSW, LCAC, License No. 34004130A, 87000308A

Cause No. 202507-BHS-0030

Re: Petition for Summary Suspension

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about July 15, 2025, the State filed a Petition for Summary Suspension of Mr. Theye's license on the basis that he is a clear and immediate danger to the public. On or about July 25, 2025, Mr. Theye signed a Voluntary Summary Suspension Agreement which will suspend his license for a period of ninety (90) days. The Board inquired if he would surrender his license. Ms. Rochester stated that Mr. Theye has recently obtained counsel, so it is too early in proceedings to have that discussion.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Voluntary Summary Agreement in the matter of Mr. Theye.

Richardson/Cooper-Bolinskey

Motion carried 6-0-0

B. Kevin Keske, LMHCA, License No. 88002345A

Cause No. 2024 BHSB 0010

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW
Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC
C. Martin Justice, LMHC
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Witness:

Brad Repass

Case Summary: On or about February 13, 2025, Mr. Keske's license was placed on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than six (6) months from October 23, 2023. While on probation he agrees to the following terms:
 - Keep the Board up to date on his contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on his employment and their contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on his title and work schedule, including number of hours worked.
 - Complete 10 hours of CE in ethics or licensure and submit completed certificates to the Board.
 - Have his employer sign and submit a copy of the Final Order in this matter
 - Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam
 - 1 appearance before the Board to discuss progress of his order
 - Bi-annual written employer supervision reports
 - Comply with the statute and rules of the profession, and report any arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.

Mr. Keske stated that he has met all the terms of his probation and petitioned the Board to withdraw his probation status. He stated that he was unaware he was engaging in unlicensed practice, and he was appreciative of the Board giving him an opportunity to remedy the matter. The Board discussed what he learned from completing the required continuing education courses.

Brad Repass, IPLA Litigation specialist, was sworn in as Board witness. He verified completion of the Indiana jurisprudence exam.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Mr. Keske's petition for withdraw of probation.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

C. Nina Hankins, LCAC, License No. 87001589A
Cause No. 202408-BHS-0051

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about August 27, 2024, the Board renewed Ms. Hankin's license on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation until the resolution of the licensee's criminal charges and criminal diversion. While on probation, Ms. Hankins must complete the following terms:
 - Quarterly self-reports regarding progress of criminal probation.
 - Keep the Board up to date on his contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on his employment and their contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on her title and work schedule, including number of hours worked.
 - Provide a copy of the substance use evaluation that licensee provided to the criminal court as part of her diversion.
 - Comply with the statute and rules of the profession, and report any arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.

Ms. Hankins stated that she has met all the terms of her probation and completed her pre-trial diversion. The Board noted that they do not see her quarterly reports or the copy of her substance use evaluation. She provided the Board with a letter from her attorney. The Board accepted the exhibit and noted that it was just a letter from her attorney that did not contain details of her substance use evaluation. She forwarded a copy of the evaluation to Mr. Repass, and it was entered as exhibit 2. The Board accepted the exhibit. She stated that the evaluation did not provide her with any follow-up treatment or recommendations to complete.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Hankins' petition for withdraw of probation.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Richardson

Motion carried 6-0-0

D. Michael Jordan, LCACA, License No. 87900166A

Cause No. 2024-BHS-0053

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Witness:

Brad Repass

Case Summary: On or about August 29, 2024, Mr. Jordan was issued on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than six (6) months from April 22, 2024. While on probation he agrees to the following terms:
 - Keep the Board up to date on his contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on his employment and their contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on her title and work schedule, including number of hours worked.
 - Complete 10 hours of CE in ethics or licensure and submit completed certificates to the Board.
 - Have his employer sign and submit a copy of the Final Order in this matter
 - Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam
 - 1 appearance before the Board to discuss progress of his order
 - Quarterly employer reports regarding his work performance
 - Comply with the statute and rules of the profession, and report any arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.

Mr. Jordan stated that he has met all the terms of his probation and petitioned to withdraw his probation.

Mr. Repass confirmed he has completed the Indiana Jurisprudence examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Mr. Jordan's petition for withdraw of probation.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Richardson
Motion carried 6-0-0

E. Eliezer Joseph, LSW, Temporary No. 99126993A

Cause No. 202408-BHS-0059

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Witness:

Brad Repass

Case Summary: On or about August 29, 2024, the Board issued Mr. Joseph's temporary permit and license on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year. While on probation he agrees to the following terms:
 - Keep the Board up to date on his contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on his employment and their contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on his work title and schedule, including number of hours worked.
 - Complete 10 hours of CE in ethics or licensure and submit completed certificates to the Board.
 - Have his employer sign and submit a copy of the Final Order in this matter
 - Quarterly supervision reports regarding employment performance. If he is not employed, he shall submit quarterly self-reports on his employment status.
 - Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence examination.
 - Appear before the Board on a Bi-annual basis to discuss progress of his order
 - Comply with the statute and rules of the profession, and report any arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.

Mr. Joseph stated that he has met all the terms of his probation and is requesting the Board to withdraw the probation status. He submitted Exhibit 1 which is a letter from his supervisor. The Board accepted the exhibit. The Board noted that they do not see his quarterly reports, and the letter he just provided only has a list of dates. He stated that he did not get clarification on what his quarterly reports should contain. He stated that he completed ten (10) hours of continuing education and took and passed the Indiana jurisprudence examination. He discussed with the Board what he learned from completing his continuing education courses. He discussed his current supervision with the Board, The Board noted that what they were looking for in his reports was outlined in the Order. The Board provided feedback on what they are looking for in his supervision reports and advised him to review his Order.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Mr. Joseph's petition for withdraw of the probation status.

Cooper-Bolinsky/Gardner
Motion carried 6-0-0

F. Kevin Jones, LCSW, License No. 34009845A

Cause No. 202409-BHS-0064

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Witness:

Brad Repass

Case Summary: On or about September 12, 2024, the Board renewed Mr. Jones' license on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation until the resolution of the licensee's criminal charges and criminal diversion. While on probation, Mr. Jones must complete the following terms:
 - Employer sign and submit a copy of the Final Order
 - Provide a copy of the substance use evaluation or any other evaluations as part of the diversion agreement, and follow recommendations as part of the evaluations.

- Have 1 appearance before the Board after evaluation has been submitted to discuss the report and recommendations.
- Keep the Board up to date on contact information
- Keep the Board up to date on employment and their contact information
- Comply with the statute and rules of the profession, and report any arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.

Mr. Jones stated that he has met all the terms of his probation order and is requesting withdrawal of the status. He discussed his support system.

The Board noted that they do not have a copy of his signed order or a copy of his evaluation. He stated that he requested a copy of the evaluation in January, but he has not received a response back yet. He stated that he recently sold his home in Indiana and is in the process of moving. He informed the Board that he is trying to address the disciplinary matters before he pursues a license at his new location in Delaware. The Board discussed what he has learned from this experience. The Board discussed conditional acceptance as he is missing documentation but has met all other terms.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally grant Mr. Jones' petition for withdrawal of probation. He will not have the probation status removed until he is able to provide a copy of the substance use evaluation and a signed Board order from his current employer by September 1, 2025. If he does not submit the required documents by September 1, 2025, then the probation status remains.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Richardson
Motion carried 6-0-0

G. Carrie Pelc, LMHC, License No. 39002237A

Cause No. 2016 BHSB 0001

Re: Petition For Reinstatement

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Laura Iosue, counsel for Respondent

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Respondent Witness:

Michelle Trotta

Charles Pelc

Case Summary: On or about April 27, 2016, Ms. Pelc's license was Indefinitely Suspended due to evidence that she was unfit to practice due to professional incompetence, failing to keep up to date with current standards of practice, and engaging into a dual relationship with her clients. Ms. Iosue provided the Board with a summary of events which led to the suspension of Ms. Pelc's license. She stated that Ms. Pelc was functioning as a person with an undiagnosed bi-polar disorder which negatively impacted her ability to practice. She stated that her misdiagnosis was exasperated by the treatments she had been undergoing at the time, and now that she has been properly diagnosed with a stable treatment plan, she is ready to return to practice.

Ms. Iosue submitted exhibits A-P for the Board to review. The State had no objections to the exhibits.

Ms. Iosue provided the Board with what Ms. Pelc has been working and experiencing since her license was suspended. She provided an overview of the therapy and treatments Ms. Pelc has accomplished.

Ms. Pelc was called as a witness. She provided the Board with a summary of what she has been doing since she was suspended. She discussed the continuing education she has completed in order to keep up to date with current practice standards and what she learned. She stated that she has been sober since 2019 and is willing to be a part of any monitoring program if needed. She stated that she is requesting to return to practice as she can no longer work at her current employment at the post office as she is on disability. She discussed her passion for counseling.

Mr. Charles Pelc was called as a witness. He discussed Ms. Pelc's progress and how she has improved.

Ms. Michelle Trotta, LCSW, was called as a witness. She discussed Ms. Pelc's progress and improvement. She stated that she has seen Ms. Pelc as her family's therapist, and that she has worked with Ms. Pelc in an individual capacity as well. She stated that she does not have a concern with Ms. Pelc's ability to practice safely and seeking out support if she needs help. The Board inquired if she felt Ms. Pelc would have trouble engaging with clients. She stated that there was no concern as she does engage well and gives thoughtful presentations.

Ms. Iosue concluded that Ms. Pelc is requesting reinstatement as she has worked to improve herself since receiving the correct diagnosis and treatment. The State had no objections but noted that if the Board had concerns due to the length of time, they would recommend a probationary license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Pelc's mental health counselor license with the following probationary terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year. While on probation she must adhere to the following terms:
 - Quarterly supervision reports regarding her progress. If she is not employed, she must submit self-reports on her progress.
 - Cannot engage in private practice or work in private practice. She must work as an employee and work under supervision for a minimum of 6 months.
 - Maintain her current clinical therapy, and have her therapist provide quarterly reports on her progress
 - Maintain her current medication treatment regiment
 - Attend AA meetings once a week
 - Have her employer sign and submit the Final Order
 - Appear before the Board quarterly to discuss her reports and progress
 - Complete and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam
 - Prior to petitioning for the withdraw of probation, she must provide a report from her treating physician on her status.
 - Keep the Board up to date on contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on employment and their contact information
 - Comply with the statute and rules of the profession, and report any arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

H. Jamie A. Anderson, LMHCA, License No. 88001338A

Cause No. 202504-BHS-0011

Re: Administrative Complaint and Notice of Proposed Default

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

Rebekah Hammond, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Board Witness:

Erin Sutton

State Witness:

Brittney Ulrey

Case Summary: On or about July 3, 2025, a Notice of Proposed Default was issued to Ms. Anderson as she failed to appear to discuss the administrative complaint filed against her license. Ms. Hammond stated that notice was given to her with the contact information on file with PLA. She stated that there has still been no response from Ms. Anderson. She requested that the Board find Ms. Anderson in Default.

The Board called Ms. Sutton in to confirm how official notice was served. She confirmed notice was sent to Ms. Anderson to the contact email on file. Paper notification is only sent if the email bounces back.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to find Ms. Anderson in Default.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

Ms. Hammond stated that Ms. Anderson has engaged in sexual contact with an inmate client while she was working for Centurion. She stated that the Board has already heard witness testimony regarding the incident.

Brittany Ulrey was called as a witness. She is an investigator for the Office of Attorney General. Ms. Hammond submitted State exhibits 1-5 for the Board to review. The Board accepted the exhibits. Ms. Ulrey stated that she obtained a certified record of the investigation that Centurion completed regarding the matter, which included DNA evidence collected from the male inmate client which matched with Ms. Anderson. Ms. Ulrey discussed the warrant issued against Ms. Anderson with criminal felony charges filed against her.

Ms. Hammond concluded that with the DNA evidence and criminal felony charges against Ms. Anderson, the recommendation from the State is to revoke her license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded that the State has met their burden of proof for Count 1 of sexual contact with a patient.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

A motion was made and seconded that the State has met their burden of proof for Count 2 that Ms. Anderson knowingly violated the law.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to revoke Ms. Anderson's mental health counselor associate license.

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 4-2-0 Gardner and Viehweg opposed.

I. Elisabeth Ruth Mayer, LMHC, License No. 39003064A

Cause No. 2024 BHSB 0022

Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about March 26, 2024, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Mayer with allegations that she knowingly abandoned a client and failed to make every reasonable effort to advance the welfare of her clients. On or about July 25, 2025, a Proposed Settlement Agreement was filed with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than one (1) year. While on probation she agrees to the following terms:
 - Keep the Board up to date on contact information
 - Keep the Board up to date on employment and their contact information
 - Shall be employed as a W2 employee within a counseling practice and have a supervisor licensed by this Board. She shall not engage in solo practice as a 1099 employment during the period of her probation.
 - Her supervisor should be an LMHC licensed by this Board, and have no current or past discipline against them.
 - Immediately report to the Board in writing any arrests, convictions, revocations of suspended sentences, and work discipline and/or termination from behavioral health employment.
 - Employer sign and submit Final Order
 - Quarterly employment reports from her supervisor discussing her job performance. If not employed, she shall submit quarterly self-reports.
 - Have one (1) year of successful active practice while on probation working at minimum 22 hours a week
 - Complete 12 CEUs. 6 hours must be in professionalism and ethics, and 6 hours must be in case management and/or preventing burnout.
 - Pay costs incurred in the prosecution of this case (\$346.95)

- Fee of \$5.00 to be paid into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Trust Fund.

Ms. Rochester requested that the Board accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of s. Mayer.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

J. Teresea Higham, LMHC, License No. 88002376A
Cause No. 202505-BHS-0018
Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent not present
Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

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

State Witness:

Jennifer Weller

Case Summary: On or about May 22, 2025, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Higham with allegations that she provided fraudulent materials in order to obtain a license to practice, misrepresented her qualifications and training, and failed to keep up to date with current professional standards. The State indicated that proper notice was issued to Ms. Higham for her to appear. The State requested that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Default for failure to appear.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue a Notice of Proposed Default in the matter of Ms. Higham.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

The State requested that the Board hear their state witness for testimony as she has traveled for this hearing. The Board granted the State's request for witness testimony.

The State called Jennifer Weller as witness. Ms. Weller is a Board-Certified psychiatric nurse practitioner who worked at New Beginnings with Ms. Higham. She stated that she knew Ms. Higham as a fellow band mom. She stated that she was aware Ms. Higham had her own family counseling practice, and that she became licensed.

The State submitted Exhibit 1, which is a copy of the original consumer complaint. The Board had no objections. Ms. Weller stated that Ms. Higham used her prescriptive authority stamp without her knowledge. The stamp was used to verify the completion of the supervision documentation needed for licensure. Ms. Weller stated that the office manager had brought up the misuse of the stamp during discussion. Ms. Weller stated that she was not Ms. Higham's supervisor, as that role was an HSPP psychologist.

The State submitted \Exhibit 2, which is a certified record of Ms. Higham's application file with IPLA. The Board had no objections.

Ms. Weller provided an overview of the business and staff available for supervision at New Beginnings. The Board inquired whether Ms. Higham had reached out to her regarding verification of her information. She stated that that Ms. Higham had requested assistance to help her supervisor verify her time. She stated that she was unaware of the delineation between the employment and supervision forms, and that she trusted Ms. Higham. She stated that she thought that her stamp was used to verify to her supervisor what was documented in the system, and then her supervisor would then complete the state forms after review. Ms. Weller stated that Ms. Higham had approached the office manager multiple times to complete her forms. She stated she is aware that Ms. Higham does hire former clients for her practice, and that they may have felt pressured to assist her.

Case Concluded.

K. Sujatha Jawor

Cause No. 202506-BHS-0025

Re: Appeal of Denial of Licensure

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW

Kimble Richardson, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Kelley Gardner, LMFT

Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about April 9, 2025, Ms. Jawor's application was denied due to not passing the NCMHCE exam. On or about April 21, 2025, the Board received a request to appeal the denial of her license application. The Board members discussed whether to continue the case or dismiss due to her not appearing. They do not see any communication from Ms. Jawor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to Dismiss Ms. Jawor's petition for appeal.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Application

1. Stephanie Dunning (LBSW)

Ms. Dunning did not appear as requested. She has been scheduled twice. If she wishes to continue with the processing of her application, she will need to contact our office to reschedule her appearance. If she does not notify our office by January 29, 2026, her application will be abandoned.

2. Melissa Fouch (LMHCA)

Ms. Fouch appeared as requested to provide clarification regarding unlicensed practice concerns. She graduated from her master program in 2006 and disclosed that she has been working as a therapist since April 2022. Ms. Fouch stated that she understands the Board's concerns regarding unlicensed practice. She stated that she was delayed in obtaining her license due to personal hurdles and major life events. She stated that at her employment, she experienced high management turnover with different expectations. She stated that she has been supervised the entire time.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Fouch's to sit for the NCE examination and to place her temporary permit and license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than six (6) months
- Complete and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam
- Submit quarterly supervision reports on her progress
- Have employer sign and submit her Final Order
- 10 hours of CE in ethics and licensure

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

3. Ella Hollis (LCSW)

Ms. Hollis appeared as requested to discuss her request to take the ASWB Clinical examination. She provided a study plan for the Board to review. She stated that she was unaware that it was her 4th attempt. The Board staff verified her examination attempts submitted to the office. The Board discussed her licensing history and inquired regarding her current employment. She stated that she is currently working as a Behavior Clinician at DCS and is being supervised by an Indiana psychologist HSPP and psychiatrists. The Board expressed their concerns with approving her for the clinical examination since she does not hold the LSW license. They recommended that she switch her application to the Master level of license and approve her to test for the Master level examination. Ms. Hollis stated that if that was her only option, then she would switch her application to LSW.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Hollis' application to the LSW and approve her to take the ASWB Master level examination.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Gardner
Motion carried 6-0-0

4. Walinase Kabwila (LCACA)

Mr. Kabwila requested to be rescheduled.

5. Anna Mleczko (LSW)

Ms. Mleczko requested to be rescheduled.

6. Natasha Yuhasz (LCACA)

Ms. Yuhasz appeared as requested to discuss unlicensed practice concerns. She stated that she graduated in 2018 and has been working since 2019 to the present. She informed the Board that she has applied four times for licensure, though it only shows she has applied once. She stated that she was having a lot of communication with Dr. Harmon regarding her license application. She stated that she is currently doing marketing and group community work in a law office. She provided a summary of her work duties which included administrative work, job shadowing, and community outreach.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Yuhasz's clinical addiction counselor associate application to sit for the AADC examination.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

B. Reinstatement

1. Antoinette Redding, LMHC, License No. 39001018A

Ms. Redding did not appear as requested. She will be rescheduled for August 25, 2025.

VI. DISCUSSION

A. ASWB 2025 Annual Meeting

Mr. Viehweg provided an update on the ASWB 2025 annual meeting. He stated that the meeting will be held in Indianapolis in November. He provided dates of when Board members and Board Administrators from other state jurisdictions will exchange information. He stated that all Board members are invited, but for the official Delegate assembly they wished to have someone from the Indiana Board to represent them. Dr. Cooper-Bolinskey was selected as the Delegate member.

They are requesting an Indiana speaker to present the welcome speech at the annual meeting. Suggestions and recommendations were given.

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.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Gardner
Motion carried 6-0-0

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

A. The Ranch Foundation

The Board noted the series looks good. No objections.

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

Gardner/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 6-0-0

B. Kristina Chestnut, Sign2Communicate

Ms. Chestnut has withdrawn the application.

X. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Carah Rochester presented the report from the office of Attorney General.

She reported to the Board that they have 155 current open complaints, and they have closed 112 since the beginning of the year. The content of the complaints are unlicensed practice, professional malpractice, and unprofessional conduct. The average age of open complaints is 6.36 months.

There are currently 22 open litigation cases. The average duration of litigation cases is 13.61 months. Currently there have been 6 litigation cases closed this third quarter. This year seven cases have been settled, one license was suspended, two were placed on probation, and three had their probation withdrawn.

Ms. Rochester stated that some of the unlicensed practice complaints only required a warning letter to be sent out as they were only using the professional title incorrectly.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed how probation monitoring is being handled. Ms. Vaught and Ms. Sutton provided an overview of the Office of Litigation Management (OLM) department with PLA.

XII. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

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

For June 2025 the Board received a total of 558 new applications of which 76 applied by reciprocity, issued 651 licenses, denied 61 applications for failing the examination, and abandoned 47 applications.

She stated that there are currently 3,117 pending applications. Of that number there are 1,452 applications pending because they 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 4:14 p.m. by general consensus.