

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD
August 25, 2025
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Jon Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:08 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:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Section Chair, Vice Chair
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Section Chair
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT, Section Chair (arrived at 9:19 a.m.)
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member (arrived at 9:19 a.m.)

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

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.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board tabled approval of the minutes from July 28, 2025.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Matthew Baugh

Cause No. 202505-BHS-0016

Re: Motion for Order to Cease and Desist and Motion To Dismiss

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Stephan Viehweg

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Kimble Richardson

Martin Justice

Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about August 14, 2025, A Motion to Dismiss without Prejudice was filed in the matter of Mr. Baugh. The concern of unlicensed practice has been rendered moot as he was issued a Temporary Permit on July 11, 2025, and has remedied the concerns regarding unlicensed practice. The State requested that the Motion to Dismiss be granted.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant the Motion to Dismiss in the matter of Mr. Baugh.

Viehweg/Richardson

Motion carried 6/0/0

B. Eric Schawn

Cause No. 202506-BHS-0027

Re: Motion for Order to Cease and Desist and **Voluntary Cease and Desist Agreement**

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Stephan Viehweg

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Kimble Richardson

Martin Justice

Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about July 17, 2025, Mr. Schawn signed a Voluntary Cease and Desist Agreement where he acknowledged that he was engaging in unlicensed practice. He has updated his website, credentials, and any activity which was considered the practice of mental health counseling until he obtains his license. Mr. Eldridge stated that if he engages in unlicensed practice in the future, he could face further action. He is currently completing the application process to remedy the matter.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Voluntary Cease and Desist Agreement in the matter of Mr. Schwan.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6/0/0

C. Abram Thomas Sinn, LMFT, License No. 35001932A

Cause No. 202507-BHS-0029

Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent was present with counsel
Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General
Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Stephan Viehweg
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey
Kimble Richardson
Martin Justice
Kelley Gardner
Jacqueline Eitel
Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about July 2, 2025, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Mr. Sinn as he was convicted of a criminal charge harmful to the public. He did disclose the charge on his April 2024 license renewal and appeared before the Board to discuss his response. The Board did vote to renew his license and filed the matter with the Office of the Attorney General for investigation.

The State submitted Exhibit 1 and 2 which is a copy of the complaint with the documentation he submitted for his license renewal, and the court documents from the county which shows the charges. The Board accepted the Exhibits.

Mr. Sinn described his mitigating factors surrounding his arrest, and that he will complete his criminal probation in June 2027. His counsel requested that the Board take his mitigating factors into consideration and dismiss the complaint as Mr. Sinn has

been very transparent with the Board regarding this matter, and the terms of his criminal probation require enough oversight.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Mr. Sinn with the Board acknowledging the mitigating factors in this matter.

Richardson/Gardner

Motion carried 8/0/0

D. Elizabeth Heinhuis, LMHC, License No. 39003373A

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0020

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Stephan Viehweg

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Kimble Richardson

Martin Justice

Kelley Gardner

Jacqueline Eitel

Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about May 11, 2023, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Heinhuis with allegations that she entered into a romantic relationship with a client and professional boundary violations. On or about September 12, 2023, she agreed to the following Settlement Terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than two (2) years
- Complete 6 hours of CE in both boundaries, and professionalism and ethics.
- Have employer sign and submit a copy of her Board orders
- Be supervised by a practitioner licensed by this Board, and have them submit quarterly supervision reports
- Quarterly personal appearances while on probation
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with her employment and their contact information
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be paid into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Trust Fund.

Ms. Heinhuis stated that she has met all the terms of her probation. She stated that she has learned a lot since she's been on probation and has been honest with herself and supervisors.

She stated that she has had discussions with her supervisor regarding projection and transference.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

E. Whitney McKim, LMHCA, License No. 88002236A

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0040

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Stephan Viehweg

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Kimble Richardson

Martin Justice

Kelley Gardner

Jacqueline Eitel

Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about October 4, 2023, the Board voted to issue Ms. McKim a temporary permit and mental health counselor associate license on probation due to unlicensed practice concerns. Ms. McKim was required to complete the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than three (3) months
- Keep the Board up to date with her employment and their contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Complete 10 hours of CEUs in ethics or licensure
- Have employer sign and submit a copy of her Board orders
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam

Ms. McKim stated that she last appeared before the Board in March 2023 where it was perceived that she was engaging in unlicensed practice and using the incorrect title. She stated that she has brought documentation for the Board to demonstrate that she was not engaging in unlicensed practice. Mr. Harvey, Board Counsel, advised that the Board cannot re-litigate the case as the Board has already ruled on the matter, and she has missed her window to appeal the decision. She needs to demonstrate to the Board that she has met all the probation terms. The Board inquired if the documents she is presenting will show that she has met her probation terms. Ms. McKim stated that she has met all the terms of her probation and submitted what

the Board requested electronically. She submitted Exhibit 1-2 for the Board to review which is a copy of her signed Board order, and letters from her current supervisor. The Board noted that she has submitted eight hours of completed continuing education, but her probation order required that she complete ten hours. She discussed her current work, and that she is working as a 1099 employee. The Board expressed concerns that she may be engaging in practice that is outside her scope. Ms. McKim stated that she still feels that she was not engaging in unlicensed practice as she was operating under DCS standards.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

Ms. McKim stated her understanding of working as a 1099 under supervision was an ethical practice within certain guidelines per her employer. Mr. Harvey stated that it will be her responsibility to demonstrate that she is operating correctly the next time she submits a request to withdraw the probationary terms. The Board at this time cannot litigate or decide on this point as there is no documentation presented before them. The Board was only noting their concerns.

F. Mary Hollenbaugh, LSW, License No. 33012388A

Cause No. 202407-BHS-0033

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Stephan Viehweg

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Kimble Richardson

Martin Justice

Kelley Gardner

Jacqueline Eitel

Peter Karalis, MD

Case Summary: On or about July 30, 2024, the Board voted to issue Ms. Hollenbaugh a temporary permit and social work license on probation due to a pending criminal charge. She was required to complete the following terms:

- Indefinite probation and may not petition to request the withdrawal of her probation until the resolution of her criminal charges.
- Keep the Board up to date with her employment and their contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information

- Have employer sign and submit a copy of her Board orders
- Appear before the Board on a quarterly basis while on probation
- Have her supervisor provide quarterly reports on her progress while on probation.

Ms. Hollenbaugh stated that she has completed all the terms on her probation, except the quarterly appearances. She stated that she did reach out regarding scheduling her appearances but never received notification of an appearance. The Board noted that they had not received quarterly supervision reports. She stated that she did speak routinely with her supervisor, and she can contact her employer to provide retroactive reports. The Board inquired if she submitted any documentation showing she has resolved matters with the court. She stated that she has the initial order listing the probation terms she needed to complete, but that she did not receive anything stating that her probation was completed. She did have an employment change while her license was on probation, and she failed to report to the Board. Ms. Hollenbaugh stated that she did obtain new employment quickly after that termination. The Board inquired if she had any documentation regarding her termination, and she indicated she did not. She stated that she could reach out if needed. The Board inquired about why she did not get documentation. She stated that she didn't know if it was needed or where to submit it.

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

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

G. Suzanne Bonaventura-Krischke, LCSW, License No. 34006559A
Cause No. 202408-BHS-0052
Re: Petition For Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

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

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Stephan Viehweg
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey
Kimble Richardson
Martin Justice
Kelley Gardner
Jacqueline Eitel
Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about August 27, 2024, the Board voted to renew Ms. Bonaventura-Krischke's license on probation due to a pending criminal charge. She was required to complete the following terms:

- Indefinite probation and may not petition to request the withdrawal of her probation until the resolution of her criminal charges.
- Keep the Board up to date with her employment and their contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Submit quarterly self-reports regarding the progress of her criminal probation.

She stated that she completed all the terms of her criminal probation and submitted two quarterly reports in 2024. She discussed with the Board what she completed for her criminal probation, and that she worked with the courts to expunge her record after she completed her terms. She indicated that she was released from criminal probation in February 2025 and her record was expunged in June 2025. She discussed how this incident has impacted her, and the changes she has made in her life going forward.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Bonaventura-Krischke's petition for withdraw of probation.

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

H. Paige Lett, LSW, Temporary Permit No. 99128765A

Cause No. 202412-BHS-0072

Re: Petition For Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Stephan Viehweg

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Kimble Richardson

Martin Justice

Kelley Gardner

Jacqueline Eitel

Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about December 20, 2024, the Board voted to issue Ms. Lett a temporary permit and social work license on probation due to a pending criminal charge. She was required to complete the following terms:

- Indefinite probation and may not petition to request the withdrawal of her probation until the resolution of her criminal charges.
- Keep the Board up to date with her employment and their contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Have employer sign and submit a copy of her Board orders

- Have her treating therapist provide quarterly reports to the Board regarding her treatment progress

Ms. Lett stated that she has completed all the terms of her probation both for the Board and the courts. She stated that she has engaged in therapy and self-reflection. She discussed with the Board the requirements the court requested her to complete, and that she has submitted all the reports the Board requested.

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

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

I. Roeshell Carter, LMHCA, License No. 88002259A

Cause No. 2024 BHSB 0002

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Stephan Viehweg

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Kimble Richardson

Martin Justice

Kelley Gardner

Jacqueline Eitel

Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about January 11, 2024, the Board voted to issue Ms. Carter a temporary permit and mental health counselor associate license on probation due to unlicensed practice concerns. Ms. Carter was required to complete the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year from September 25, 2023
- Keep the Board up to date with her employment and their contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Complete 10 hours of CEUs in ethics or licensure
- Have employer sign and submit a copy of her Board orders
- Submit quarterly supervisor reports regarding her employment performance
- Appear before the Board on a bi-annual basis to answer any questions regarding her progress with her probation terms.

She stated that she has met all the terms of her probation and is requesting the withdrawal of her status. The Board noted that they do not see a copy of her Order signed by her employer.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Carter's petition for withdraw of probation pending receipt of her signed Board order no later than September 9, 2025. Should she fail to submit the required document by the deadline, her probation status will remain.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

J. Keith Wygle, LCSW, License No. 34005872A
Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0032
Re: Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present
Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General
Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Stephan Viehweg
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey
Kimble Richardson
Martin Justice
Kelley Gardner
Jacqueline Eitel
Peter Karali

Case Summary: On or about March 16, 2023, Mr. Wygle agreed to the following Settlement terms with the Board to address allegations regarding sexual contact with a client, and exploitation of a client:

- Indefinite Suspension for no less than two (2) years from the date of the Final Order
- Prior to requesting reinstatement, he shall complete 10 hours of CE in professionalism/ethics and 10 hours of CE boundaries.
- Complete a fitness for duty evaluation by an HSPP within two (2) months of his request to reinstate.
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be paid into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Trust Fund.

The State requested a continuance on this matter as the hearing notice that went sent had the incorrect date. The Board acknowledge that the meeting date was incorrect in the notice.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing in the matter of Mr. Wygle.

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

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Application

1. Felicia Alphonse (LMHC)

Ms. Alphonse was not able to appear. She will be rescheduled for the September 22, 2025, meeting.

2. Trent Eisenbeisz (LCSW)

Mr. Eisenbeisz appeared as requested to discuss his background. He provided a statement and supporting documents for review. Mr. Eisenbeisz is currently practicing in Tennessee and is licensed in 13 separate States. He stated that he has been in recovery since 1991 and primarily works telehealth. His previous work in Washington was with the prison system. He stated that he did apply to Texas, but that they denied his application due to his background. Mr. Eisenbeisz stated that he has resolved all his matters with the courts, and he has not had any reports filed against him with the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Mr. Eisenbeisz's application for clinical social work licensure.

Viehweg/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

3. Lois Carpenter (LMFTA)

Ms. Carpenter appeared as requested to discuss her next examination attempt. She provided a study plan for the Board to review. She discussed her troubles with taking examinations and that she is looking into testing accommodation. The Board discussed her previous examination attempts and inquired into her current employment. She stated that she is working for Indiana Center for Recovery as an intake coordinator. She provided an overview of her current job duties. The Board discussed with her the line between clinical work that requires a license, and work that does not require a license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Carpenter's marriage and family therapy application and to sit for the AMFTRB examination.

Gardner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6/2/0 (Richardson and Cooper-Bolinskey opposed.)

4. Percy Ford (LMHC)

Mr. Ford was not present. The Board reviewed his application as presented, and determined an appearance was not required.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Ford's mental health counselor application.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

5. Jossie Helmerick (LSW)

Ms. Helmerick's appearance was rescheduled.

6. Adam Hensley (LSW)

Mr. Hensley appeared as requested to discuss her background. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He discussed the impact this matter has had on him both professionally and personally. He discussed his current employment as a mental health therapist. The Board discussed unlicensed practice with him.

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

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 7-0-1 (Justice abstained)

Mr. Hensley stated that his supervisor informed him that he could work without a license since he was employed at a Qualified Research facility. The Board discussed what roles require a license, and what roles may not require a license.

7. Walinase Kabwila (LCACA)

Ms. Kabwila appeared as requested to provide clarification regarding her employment. She graduated with a Master of Social Work degree in May 2021 and has held a temporary social work permit, which is now expired. She stated that she is currently working at Options Health as a case manager. She stated that when she held her active temporary permit she worked as a therapist but switched roles once her temporary permit expired. She has decided to pursue the clinical addiction counselor associate license to work in the addiction field and obtain temporary permit which would allow her to work. She is pursuing both the social work license and clinical addiction counselor associate license. The Board noted that her Form P needs to be signed by her school.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Kabwila's clinical addiction counselor application pending receipt of her signed Form P.

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

8. Sarah Lyter (LMHC)

Ms. Lyter did not appear. Board staff noted there were delays as she did have some online account issues outside her control. Board reviewed her application as presented, and determined an appearance was not required.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Lyter's mental health counselor application.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

9. Anna Mleczko (LSW)

Ms. Mleczko appeared as requested to discuss her previous termination. She provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. She stated that she was terminated due to a HIPPA violation and discussed with the Board the additional training she has completed to ensure that she does not make the same error. She stated that she does discuss confidentiality with her supervisor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Mleczko's social work application and her positive response.

Viehweg/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0 (Eitel not present)

10. Arsalan Rehman (LSW)

Mr. Rehman appeared as requested to discuss his background. He provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. He stated that he has been sober since October 2023 and discussed what he has learned from his experiences. Mr. Rehman discussed with the Board what led to his arrests, and the impact they have had on him personally. He stated that he is currently in therapy and maintains a medication routine. The Board discussed with him to maintain supervision once he begins working.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Rehman's social work application.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 7-0-0 (Eitel not present)

11. Mercedes Stone (LMHCA)

Ms. Stone appeared as requested to discuss her next examination attempt. She provided a study plan for the Board to review. The Board discussed with her the rotating examination which requires different pass rates. The Board discussed her strategies to pass and the possibility of accommodation. They also inquired about her current employment. She stated that she was let go from Oaklawn as a therapist once her temporary permit expired and now works for DCS as a case manager. The Board stated that her temporary permit was on probation with terms and inquired if she submitted any of the requested items for her probation. She stated that she did not as she was focused on passing the exam, and then her temporary permit expired. The Board stated that she was put on probation due to unlicensed practice concerns, and that she does not appear to have taken any steps to remedy their concerns.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Stone's mental health counselor associate's application to sit for the NCE examination. The Board also requested that Ms. Stone submit ten hours of continuing education in the area of ethics as required by her probationary order by September 9, 2025.

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 7/0/0 (Eitel not present)

B. Reinstatement

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

Ms. Redding did not appear as requested. The Board staff noted that they did receive an email from Ms. Redding to withdraw her application for reinstatement. The Board expressed concerns regarding unlicensed practice based upon what she has submitted for her reinstatement.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to refer this matter to the Office of Attorney General's office for investigation.

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 7/0/0 (Eitel not present)

C. Licensure Pre-Approval

1. Justin Sanders (LMHC)

Mr. Sanders appeared as requested to discuss his background. He provided a statement for the Board. He discussed his substance use disorder and stated that he has completed his rehabilitation. Mr. Sanders discussed the personal impact his background has had

with the Board. He indicated that he is currently in therapy and completed all terms of probation for the courts.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Sanderers' pre-approval application.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0 (Eitel not present)

VI. DISCUSSION

A. ASWB 2025 Annual Meeting

Mr. Viehweg stated that the ASWB 2025 Annual Meeting is in Indianapolis this year. He inquired which of the Board members will be attending. Mr. Gardner, Dr. Cooper-Bolinskey, Mr. Justice, Mr. Viehweg and Board staff all indicated that they would attend the conference. Mr. Viehweg stated that he also reached out to Senator Criter's office regarding the opening speech of the convention.

B. Counseling Compact Commission – Fee

Mr. Richardson recommended that the application fee to join the Counseling Compact and to have compact privileges in the state of Indiana to be \$50.00.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded that the application fee to join the Counseling Compact and to have compact privileges in the state of Indiana be \$50.00.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

The Board discussed as to whether it would be a requirement to have applicants take and pass the law examination if they pursued compact privileges in Indiana. Mr. Richardson stated that he understands that logistically it would be burdensome on the Board staff to require the examination.

Ms. Vaught stated that the federal background check requirements started in Indiana in 2011. The Counseling Compact requires applicants to have completed a background check. She stated that anybody who was licensed prior to 2009 was not required to complete a background check and may have difficulty applying for Compact permission.

C. Ainsworth Joseph, Ph.D., DMin

The Board discussed Mr. Joseph's application and correspondence from Dr. Joseph. It was noted that when the file was reviewed at an earlier date his education did not meet the requirements. He is missing three (3) course content areas: Group, Career and Lifestyle

Development, and Contextual Dimensions. Due to the missing course content, the Board was not able to approve his application at this time.

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.

Viehweg/Richardson
Motion carried 8/0/0

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Inspirations of Courage, PLLCV

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

Gardner/Justice
Motion carried 8/0/0

X. PROBATION REPORT

A. Reginald Murray, LCAC, License No. 87000987A Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0010

Mr. Murray provided a report on his progress. The Board noted that his reports are very brief and need to include more information to show that his accounts are being managed correctly. They stated that the report should include topics of what was discussed, and what goals he is pursuing. Some of the terms in the report are not defined for easier understanding and need clarification.

B. Jacqueline Mitchell, LSW, License No. 33008801A Cause No. 2024 BHSB 0023

Ms. Mitchell submitted a fitness for duty evaluation for the Board to review. The Board noted that it still does not feel comprehensive and does not feel like what was submitted is the full report. Dr. Karalis noted that while it is not a full report, it is sufficient for what is needed.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the fitness for duty report in the matter of Ms. Mitchell.

Viehweg/Richardson

XI. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ryan Eldridge presented the report from the office of Attorney General.

He reported to the Board that they have 160 current open complaints, and they have closed 99 cases. There have been 29 litigation cases opened against practitioners and 28 warning letters issued. Warning letters are sent out when the matter is concerning, but not yet a violation. The average age of open complaints is 6.4 months.

There are currently 26 open litigation cases. There have been seventeen (17) cases settled, two (2) Cease and Desist, three (3) licenses placed on probation, three (3) licenses that have withdrawn probation, and one (1) suspended license. The average duration of litigation cases is 12.76 months.

Mr. Viehweg inquired whether they have received any complaints regarding those who are 1099. Mr. Eldridge stated that the OAG's office does not look at 1099 the way the Board does. He stated that they look at the scope of practice, and if a practitioner is working beyond that scope. If we see a bigger employer if it becomes a common issue to determine if there is a "culture shift".

Mr. Richardson inquired into clarification regarding the "Medicaid" statute as that is referenced for those who are practicing unlicensed. Mr. Eldridge stated that he has seen that statute referenced when there are cases before the Medical Board. He stated that there is a difference between supervision and work. He stated that they do look at that statute, but they are looking at if there is direct supervision for those cases. Mr. Eldridge stated that he can request that his office look at that information as a team to see what can be done to direct the concerns. Mr. Eldridge also presents before the Indiana Psychology Board, so he is aware of their concerns as well.

The Board expressed concerns regarding 1099 and that those cases are not clear cut to determine if someone is working outside the scope and a struggle to reconcile with the public protection. Mr. Viehweg expressed concerns that if an individual who is working as a 1099 to obtain hours for their license, other States may not accept those hours as they require more oversight and requirement than Indiana. Mr. Eldridge stated that he will discuss those concerns with his team.

XII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business to discuss.

XIII. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

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

For July 2025 the Board received a total of 512 new applications of which 57 applied by reciprocity, issued 343 licenses, denied 104 applications for failing the examination, and abandoned 82 applications.

She stated that there are currently 3,199 pending applications. Of that number there are 1,421 applications pending because they have been approved to test and IPLA is waiting for examination scores to be reported.

Currently there are 21, 304 professionals who are licensed to practice in Indiana.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 3:22 p.m. by general consensus.