

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

Minutes  
July 22, 2024

## I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Professional Licensing Agency Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and by Zoom and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-14-1-12(a).

### **Board Members Present:**

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

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

Clinical Social Work - Vacant  
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT Section Chair  
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair

### **State Officials Present:**

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

## II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 7-0-0

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for review.

## IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

### **A. Amy Etchison, LMHCA, License No. 88001365A**

Cause No. 202405-BHS-0025

Re: Administrative Complaint

### **Parties Present:**

Respondent was not present  
Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Office of Attorney General  
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)  
Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW  
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC  
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC  
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW  
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member  
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about July 19, 2024 a Proposed Settlement Agreement was reached after a settlement conference with Ms. Etchinson. This Settlement is to address the Administrative Complaint filed against her on or about May 9, 2024 with allegations of professional incompetence, violating professional boundaries, and failure to keep abreast of current professional practice. Ms. Etchinson agrees to the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year.
- Must keep the Board up to date on her contact information
- Must keep the Board up to date on her employment and their contact information
- Must enter in a supervisor agreement with an LMHC or LCSW, and provide a copy of the agreement to the Board
- Supervisor must sign a copy of her Final Order and submit it to the Board
- Ms. Etchinson agrees to not engage in unlicensed practice
- Quarterly supervision reports, or self-reports if not working as an LMHCA
- 18 hours of CE. 9 hours must be in professionalism and ethics. 9 hours must be in boundaries.
- Not violate any statute and rules of the profession.
- Pay a \$5.00 fee to be deposited in the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.
- Pay a fine of \$500.00.

Mr. Eldridge stated that he understands that the Board does not typically impose fines, but it was included since she did not disclose information on her renewal.

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

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**B. Raven Money, LSW, Temporary Permit No. 99120744A**

Cause No. 2023 BHS 0045

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was present  
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)  
Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW  
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

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

**Case Summary:** On or about October 26, 2023 Ms. Money's license was placed on probation as she disclosed on her application that there were currently pending criminal charges against her. The Board voted to approve her application on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for the duration of the criminal probation
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Employer must sign a copy of the Final Order and submit it to the Board
- Must appear one time prior to requesting to come off probation
- Follow all statute and rules of the profession

Ms. Money attested that she completed all the terms of her probation and provided the Board with Exhibits A-D for their review.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Money's petition for the withdrawal of the probation status.

Viehweg/Adams  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**C. Catherine Shumate, LMHC, License No. 39002039A**

Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0012

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

**Parties Present:**

Respondent was present  
August Petrungaro, Deputy Office of Attorney General Intern  
Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Office of Attorney General  
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)  
Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW  
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC  
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC  
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW  
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member  
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**State Witness:**

Cindy Vaught, Board Director of Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

**Case Summary:** On or about December 14, 2021 Ms. Shumate agreed to a Settlement with the following terms:

- Indefinite Suspension for no less than six (6) months.
- Within 60 days of petitioning to come off suspension, she must complete a fitness for duty evaluation completed by an HSPP and follow all recommendations
- Must completed 12 hours of CE in ethics and boundaries

- Should her request to be reinstated, her license shall have the following terms:
  - Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year.
  - Quarterly Board appearances while on probation
  - Shall be supervised by an LMHC while on probation and attend weekly supervision meetings with her supervisor.
  - Quarterly supervision reports
  - Must supply a copy of all the Board Orders to her employer, which then must be signed and submitted to the Board
  - Comply with all statutes and rules of the profession.
  - Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
  - Pay a \$5.00 fee to be deposited in the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund
  - Understands that the Board may impose further requirements at the time of her request for reinstatement, including any treatment recommendations outlined in her fitness for duty evaluation.

Ms. Shumate stated that she has completed her fitness for duty and discussed what she has learned from her CE courses. The Board discussed her evaluation with her.

Ms. Vaught was called as a witness and affirmed Ms. Shumate's file and the documentation that she had submitted.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Shumate's petition to reinstate her mental health counselor license and place it on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than two (2) years.
- Quarterly Board appearances while on probation
- Shall be supervised by an HSPP while on probation and attend weekly supervision meetings with her supervisor.
- Quarterly supervision reports
- Must supply a copy of all the Board Orders to her employer, which then must be signed and submitted to the Board
- 20 hours of CE bi-annually in ethics while on probation
- Comply with all statutes and rules of the profession.
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Pay a \$5.00 fee to be deposited in the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund

Richardson/Justice  
Motion carried 7-0-0

## V. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

There were no Proposed Settlement Agreements.

## VI. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT

There were no Notices of Proposed Default.

## VII. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

### A. Renewal

1. **Laura Dekker, LSW, License No. 33010420A**

Ms. Dekker did not appear as requested.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Dekkar's social work renewal due to not appearing at the request for renewal.

Viehweg/Justice  
Motion carried 6-0-1 Karalis not present.

2. **Abram Sinn, LMFT, License No. 35001932A**

Mr. Sinn appeared as requested with his wife, Lindsey Sinn. He provided additional supporting documentation showing the resolution of his court case.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Sinn's marriage and family therapy license and file a complaint with the Office of Attorney General for further investigation of the Plea Agreement of Causing Serious Bodily Injury of Operating a Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Substance in Blood a Level 5 Felong and what the lab report from the accident investigation.

Adams/Viehweg  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**B. Reinstatement**

1. **Kristin Erdei, LCSW, License No. 34006161A**

Ms. Erdei appeared as requested via zoom.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Erdei's clinical social work license.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**C. Application**

1. **Haley Bohannon (LSW)**

Ms. Bohannon did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

2. **Lisa Brown Tabor (LSW)**

Ms. Brown Tabor appeared as requested to discuss her yes response on her criminal background.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Tabor's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Justice

Motion carried 7-0-0

**3. Alicia Espinosa (LSW)**

Ms. Espinosa appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Espinosa's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Justice  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**4. Delaney Francis (LSW, LCACA)**

Ms. Francis appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her criminal background.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Francis' social work and clinical addiction counselor associate applications and to sit for the ASWB master's exam and the addictions examination of her choice.

Viehweg/Adams  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**5. Ryan Grimes (LSW)**

Mr. Grimes appeared as requested via zoom to discuss his yes response regarding his criminal background.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Grimes' social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**6. Vickie Heath (LMHC)**

Ms. Heath appeared as requested to provide clarification on her post-degree experience and supervision hours.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Heath's mental health counselor associate application and to sit for the NCE examination.

Richardson/Justice  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**7. Avrey Hicks (LSW)**

Ms. Hicks appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding a condition that might impact her ability to provide services.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Hicks' social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Justice  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**8. Brooksie King (LSW)**

Ms. King appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her criminal background.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. King's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**9. Marcia Lomax (LMHC)**

Ms. Lomax appeared as requested to discuss her post-degree hours and educational requirements.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Lomax's application to the mental health counselor associate and approve her to sit for the NBCC NCE and Indiana jurisprudence examination.

Richardson/Justice  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**10. Anna Nolan (LSW)**

Ms. Nolan appeared as requested to discuss her 8<sup>th</sup> examination attempt.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Nolan's social work application to take the ASWB master's examination for the eighth time.

Viehweg/Justice  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**11. Katherine Patton (LMHC)**

Ms. Patton appeared as requested to discuss her 4<sup>th</sup> examination attempt.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Patton’s mental health counselor application to take the NBCC NCE examination for the 4<sup>th</sup> time.

Richardson/Justice  
Motion carried 7-0-0

Dr. Karlis left the meeting.

**12. Maria Robledo-Pedraza (LCSW)**

Ms. Robledo-Pedraza appeared as requested to provide clarification on her post-degree experience and supervision hours.

**Board Action:** Ms. Robledo-Pedraza’s application was tabled in order for her to provide corrected forms or to supply a letter from a colleague who can attest she completed her remaining hours within 7 days.

**13. Katherine Shirey (LSW, LCACA)**

Ms. Shirey appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding a condition that might impact on her ability to provide services.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Shirey’s social work and clinical addiction counselor associate applications and to sit for the ASWB master’s examination and the addictions examination.

Viehweg/Richardson  
Motion carried 6-0-0

**14. Julia Wilson (LACA)**

Ms. Wilson appeared via zoom to provide clarification on her education and work history.

**Board Action:** Ms. Wilson’s application was tabled for additional documentation showing she has met the educational deficiencies.

**VIII. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT**

There were no Notices of Proposed Default.

**IX. DISCUSSION**

**1. Online Applications and Forms Update**

Evan Bartel, Deputy Director of Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, presented drafts of the new online application process for Board review and input.

The individuals listed below were also present as they were involved in creating the new online applications:

Terry Huynh, IPLA Project Manager  
Doug Boyle, IPLA Communications Director  
Matt Doades, IPLA IT Systems Analyst

**X. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

There were no applications for Review.

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

Ryan Eldridge presented the report.

**XII. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS**

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

Justice/Richardson  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**XIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW**

**1. Orion Counseling & Consulting LLC**

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

Richardson/Adams  
Motion carried 7-0-0

**XIV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the licensure exemption statute IC 25-23.6-4.2 and who does and does not qualify for an exemption.

The Board discussed the communication they have received regarding licensure delays and recent legislative changes to address the delays.

**XV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT**

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, stated that they have received 1, 015 applications since May 1, 2024, and approved 900 applications during that time.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 4:20 p.m. by general consensus.

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Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW  
Board Chair

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Date