# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD Minutes September 25, 2023

#### September 23, 2023

## I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Professional Licensing Agency Conference Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 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
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Vice Chair
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT Section Chair
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC Section Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC
Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, SW Section Chair, Board Designee
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW
Katy Adams, LCAC, LCSW
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

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

Peter Karalis, M.D., Psychiatric Physician Member

#### **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.

Harner/Richardson Motion carried 9-0-0

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes are still under review.

## IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

#### A. Probation

# 1. Carrie Boyed, LMHCA, License No. 88002026A

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0013

Ms. Boyed appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that that things are going well, she has submitted her quarterly reports, and has paid her \$5 fee. She stated that she is currently signing up for continuing education courses. Ms. Boyed informed the Board that she is employed at Coffeehouse Counseling, and there have been no changes to her home

address. The Board noted that her quarterly supervision report should have more detail on her progress and discussion topics. The Board does not need case details, but a general overview of what is being discussed.

# 2. Jennifer Dyarman, LCSW, LCAC, License No. 34006895A, 87001541A Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0027

Dr. Dyarman appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She last appeared before the Board at their July meeting, and she stated that nothing has changed since her last appearance. She submitted a report from her supervisor, Emily Smith, for the Board to review. Dr. Dyarman spoke with the Board about her work in rural communities, and how she manages therapy sessions with multiple family members. Dr. Dyarman submitted copies of twenty hours of continuing education she completed, and she discussed what she learned.

# 3. Amy Holbert, LCACA, LMHCA, License No. 87001712A, 88001890A Cause N. 2021 BHSB 0004, 2022 BHSB 0015

Ms. Holbert appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She apologized for missing her last appearance as she was ill. The Board stated that they are missing two reports from her. Ms. Holbert stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> report did not get submitted due to her illness, and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> report did not get submitted as her therapist got sick. She stated that she has re-enrolled in the ISNAP program as of August 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Holbert is required to complete random drug testing and submit quarterly reports from her counselor and AA meetings. The Board discussed with her that she would need to withdraw probation and emphasized that it would be up to her to demonstrate she has met all probationary terms.

# 4. Cara Juarez, LBSW, License No. 33900293A

Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0023

Ms. Juarez appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She apologized for missing the July Board meeting as she did not receive the notice. The Board inquired if her contact information changed. She stated that it did not; however, she receives a lot of correspondence and missed the notice. Ms. Juarez stated that she is currently working in Anderson doing case management. She provided ten hours of continuing education she has completed and discussed what she learned from them. She informed the Board that her criminal charges have been resolved, and her case was dismissed. The Board noted that she will need to submit a copy of the resolution of her case. Ms. Juarez and the Board discussed what she would need to withdraw probation.

# 5. Latresa Moore, LMFTA, Temporary Permit No. 99117190A

Cause No. 2023 BHHS 0008

Ms. Moore did not appear.

# 6. Margaret (Heine) Parker, LMFT, License No. 35002100A

Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0007

Ms. (Heine) Parker appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that she has started her maternity leave. She informed the Board that her contact address has not changed and provided the Board with her employment reports that showed her progress before her

maternity leave. She stated that there have been some changes with her therapist as they have started discussions on how to ask for help, and how to deal with stress and anxiety.

#### **B.** Reinstatement

## 1. Lori Magnuson, LMHC, License No. 39000760A

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

# 2. Stephen Stahlman, LCSW, License No. 340019005A

Mr. Stahlman appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of his license that expired in 2004. Mr. Harner, Social Work Section, stated that Mr. Stahlman used to be his professor in the 1980's. Mr. Harner stated that he can remain impartial. Mr. Stahlman provided the Board with forty hours of continuing education that he has completed and stated that he has done volunteer work but knows he cannot count those hours for his reinstatement. The Board reviewed a letter that he submitted that showed he was working under the supervision of Dr. Sneed from 2018 to 2020. He stated that he has also done some volunteer clinical work at Aaron's House. The Board discussed with him about unlicensed practice. He stated that he has an opportunity to work at the VA, but they require that he has a license. The Board noted that he was grandfathered in when he obtained his license, and he will be required to take the ASWB clinical examination.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Stahlman's clinical social work application for reinstatement pending the passing of the Indiana jurisprudence examination and the ASWB Clinical examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 9-0-0

# C. Application

## 1. Amy Bowmer (LCAC)

Ms. Bowmer appeared as requested to provide clarification of her work history as she indicated on her application that she was working as a counselor in 2004 to 2005, and then from 2015 to 2022 without holding a license. She was being supervised by an LCSW and was working on obtaining her CADAC credential. She gave a list of her job duties. The Board stated that what she has described is practicing as an addiction counselor without a license. The Board noted that her education does not meet the requirements for the LCAC license, but it does meet the requirements for the LAC license level.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Bowmer's application from the clinical addiction counselor to the addiction counselor license and to sit for the examination. Ms. Bowmer will need to submit Form P and Form C for the addiction counselor. Upon submission of temporary permit application/passing the examination her license shall be placed on probation with the following terms:

1. The Applicant's license shall be on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. The Applicant may not petition for withdraw of the probation for at least three (3) months from the date of September 2;5, 2023.

- 2. The Applicant's practice shall be governed by the following TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
  - a. The Applicant must keep the Board apprised of the following information in writing and update it as necessary:
    - i. The Applicant's current home address, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number.
    - ii. The Applicant's place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor.
    - iii. The Applicant's title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week.
  - b. The Applicant shall take at least ten (10) Continuing Education Units ("CEUs") in ethics or licensure and submit documentation of those CEUs to the Board.
  - c. The Applicant shall provide copies of this Order signed by any employers within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Order. If Applicant starts or secures different employment, Applicant shall provide a copy of the Board Order signed by the new employer within ten (10) days of starting employment.
  - d. The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of addictions counseling associate and report any future arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.
- 3. The failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms of his probation may subject Applicant to a show cause hearing and the possible imposition of further sanctions.

Adams/Harner Motion carried 9-0-0

Amended motion proposed to change the LAC to the LACA.

Harner/Justice Motion carried 9-0-0

Ms. Bowmer stated that her position is not a counseling position. The Board stated that her employment might call it something else, but the role and scope of practice is counseling. They informed her that she informed them she was doing the same role in 2004, and 2015 and in her current role under a different name.

## 2. Roeshell Carter (LMHCA)

Ms. Carter appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history as she indicated she has been working as a mental health counselor since 2020. The Board noted that she graduated in 2016. Ms. Carter stated that she did not know about the associate license as her employer and school did not inform her of that requirement to hold the associate. Board discussed the importance of being aware of changes in the profession, and that they cannot accept her post-degree hours as she was unlicensed.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Carter's mental health counselor associate application and to sit for the NBCC NCE examination. Upon passing the examination issue her license on probation with the following terms:

- 1. The Applicant's license shall be on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. The Applicant may not petition for withdraw of the probation for at least one (1) year from September 25, 2023.
- 2. The Applicant's practice shall be governed by the following TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
  - a. The Applicant must keep the Board apprised of the following information in writing and update it as necessary:
    - iv. The Applicant's current home address, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number.
    - v. The Applicant's place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor.
    - vi. The Applicant's title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week.
  - b. The Applicant shall take at least ten (10) Continuing Education Units ("CEUs") in ethics or licensure and submit documentation of those CEUs to the Board.
  - c. The Applicant shall provide copies of this Order signed by any employers within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the Order. If Applicant starts or secures different employment, Applicant shall provide a copy of the Board Order signed by the new employer within ten (15) days of starting employment.
  - d. The Applicant shall cause Applicant's employer to submit QUARTERLY supervisor reports to the Board regarding Applicant's employment performance.
  - e. The Applicant shall appear before the Board on a BIANNUAL basis to answer questions from the Board regarding Applicant's progress with this Order.
  - f. The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of mental health counseling and report any future arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.
- 4. The failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms of this probation may subject Applicant to a show cause hearing and the possible imposition of further sanctions.

Richardson/Justice Motion carried 8-0-1 Eitel abstained.

## 3. Hailey Doody-Gentry (LSW)

Ms. Doody-Gentry 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 indicated that that she thought her record was expunged and overlooked the question. The Board discussed the differences between expunged and dismissed.

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

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 9-0-0

## 4. Robert Gagen (LCACA)

Mr. Gagen appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding his background. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He discussed that all matters have been resolved by the courts and his support system to prevent any re-occurrence.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Gagen's clinical addiction counselor associate application and to sit for his examination.

Adams/Harner

The board inquired into the status of his suspended pharmacist license in the state of Kentucky. Mr. Gagen indicated that he did not wish to have that license back or to be around opioids. He stated that he has been sober since March 2021 and while he does drink alcohol, his current employment has a strict no alcohol policy which includes random screenings.

Motion carried 9-0-0

# 5. Aja Gray (LMHC)

Ms. Gray appeared per her request to discuss her educational requirements. She provided a letter from the Clinical Director of Pacifica Graduate Institute, Michelle Wolf. Ms. Gray stated that she disagreed with that assessment as the letter indicated she does not meet the requirements. Ms. Gray argued how she meets the requirements as she was enrolled in a PH.D. clinical psychology program.

**Board Action:** Application tabled as Mr. Richardson stated that he will reach out to Ms. Gray to discuss the requirements.

#### 6. Kathleen Hannah (LMHCA)

Ms. Hannah appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background and provide clarification on her practicum and internship documentation. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She explained the difficulties in submitting her corrected documentation. Ms. Hannah discussed the treatment programs she completed and self-care steps she took to prevent re-occurrences. She acknowledged that she has met all requirements by the courts.

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

Justice/Richardson Motion carried 9-0-0

#### 7. Janelle Hough (LSW)

Ms. Hough appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. The Board discussed how she maintains her self-care routine and support network.

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

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 9-0-0

#### 8. Bridgette Howerton (LMHCA)

Ms. Howerton did not appear.

## 9. Jayme Martinez (LSW)

Ms. Martinez did not appear.

## 10. Nicole Martinez (LMHC)

Ms. Martinez appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background and provide clarification on her work history. She submitted a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. The Board noted that her education is missing the course content of Contextual Dimensions, and that her post-degree experience and supervision cannot be accepted. The Board noted she did not hold the associate license and was not under a clinical supervisor. The Board discussed unlicensed practice with Ms. Martinez.

**Board Action:** The Board tabled Ms. Martinez's application. The Board requested that her application be switched to the mental health counselor associate, and she provide a syllabus for a course that she has taken which meets the Contextual Dimensions criteria.

#### 11. Ashley Otte (LSW)

Ms. Otte appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Otte provided information on her support system and resources.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Otte to sit for her exam.

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 9-0-0

# 12. Rebekah Rose (LCAC)

Ms. Rose appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. She graduated with her MSW in August 2020 and has been working at Volunteers of America since 2021. She obtained her social work license in November 2022. The Board discussed her licensure timeline. Ms. Rose described her job duties and supervision. The Board discussed unlicensed practice with her

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Rose's clinical addiction counselor application pending receipt of a corrected E2 and S2 form starting with dates from when she held a license.

Adams/Harner Motion carried 9-0-0

# 13. Syreeta Rouser (LSW)

Ms. Rouser appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She discussed with

the Board how her background impacted her professionally, and how she resolved matters with the courts. She indicated that she has been a case manager since 2004 and provided a summary of her job duties. Ms. Rouser indicated that she has attempted the social work examination in Arizona but did not pass.

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

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 9-0-0

## 14. Martha Schmidt (LCSW)

Ms. Schmidt appeared as requested to discuss her 4<sup>th</sup> examination attempt. The Board noted that she does not currently hold a social work license in the state of Indiana, but she does hold a certified social work license in the state of Kentucky. She provided information on her study prep. The Board noted that they cannot approve her to test for the clinical level. She would need to switch her application to the social work license by reciprocity.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Schmidt's application to social work by reciprocity pending receipt of her Kentucky license and ASWB master examination scores.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 9-0-0

# 15. Alyssa Sigler (LMHCA)

Ms. Sigler appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. Ms. Sigler graduated in May 2021 and indicated on her application that she has been working as a therapist since graduation. She stated that she and her supervisor were unaware that she would need the Associate license as she took the examination in 2021. She stated that she understood she could count hours after she took the examination. The Board discussed the unlicensed practice, and that you can only count hours after the examination, if you had applied for the associate license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Sigler's mental health counselor associate application on probation with the following terms:

- The Applicant's license shall be on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. The Applicant may not petition for withdraw of the probation for at least six (6) months from September 25, 2023.
- The Applicant must keep the Board apprised of the following information in writing and update it as necessary:
- The Applicant's current home address, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number.
- The Applicant's place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor.
- The Applicant's title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week.

- The Applicant shall take at least ten (10) Continuing Education Units ("CEUs") in ethics or licensure and submit documentation of those CEUs to the Board.
- The Applicant shall provide copies of this Order signed by any employers within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the Order. If Applicant starts or secures different employment, Applicant shall provide a copy of the Board Order signed by the new employer within ten (15) days of starting employment.
- The Applicant shall at least one (1) personal appearance before the Board to answer questions from the Board regarding Applicant's progress with this Order.
- The Applicant shall take and pass the jurisprudence examination.
- The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of mental health counseling and report any future arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.
- The failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms of this probation may subject Applicant to a show cause hearing and the possible imposition of further sanctions.

Richardson/Justice Motion carried 9-0-0

## 16. Jacob Sims (LSW)

Mr. Sims did not appear. He will be rescheduled.

## 17. Samyra Small (LSW)

Ms. Small appeared as requested to discuss why she did not disclose her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Small indicated that she thought her incidents were expunged, and she misunderstood the term dismissed. She discussed how her background impacted her professionally.

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

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 9-0-0

## 18. Jasmine Smith (LSW)

Ms. Smith appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. She graduated in May 2019 and has been working at the VA since she graduated as a therapist. She provided a summary of her job duties and supervision. She noted that her current role is under a federal grant to help with administrative work. Board discussed the limits of practice without a license.

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

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 8-0-1 Cooper-Bolinskey abstain.

## 19. Faith Soglo (LSW)

Ms. Soglo 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 indicated that she started the expungement process prior to graduation, but never completed it. She discussed how her background impacted her professionally.

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

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 9-0-0

## 20. Mercedez Stone (LMHCA)

Ms. Stone appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. She indicated that she graduated in May 2021 and have been working as a therapist since she graduated. She indicated that she took the examination through her school and did not pass. She stated that she thought she could work if she was pursuing licensure. The Board discussed unlicensed practice and the limitations of practice.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Stone's mental health counselor associate application and to sit for the NBCC NCE examination. Upon passing the examination issue her license on probation with the following terms:

- The Applicant's license shall be on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. The Applicant may not petition for withdraw of the probation for at six months (6) from September 25, 2023.
- The Applicant must keep the Board apprised of the following information in writing and update it as necessary:
  - The Applicant's current home address, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number.
  - The Applicant's place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor.
  - The Applicant's title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week.
- The Applicant shall take at least ten (10) Continuing Education Units ("CEUs") in ethics or licensure and submit documentation of those CEUs to the Board.
- The Applicant shall provide copies of this Order signed by any employers within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the Order. If Applicant starts or secures different employment, Applicant shall provide a copy of the Board Order signed by the new employer within ten (15) days of starting employment.
- The Applicant shall have at least ONE appearance to answer questions from the Board regarding Applicant's progress with this Probation.
- The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of mental health counseling associate and report any future arrests, work discipline, or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.
- The failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms of this probation may subject Applicant to a show cause hearing and the possible imposition of further sanctions.

## 21. Amanda Stroud (LSW)

Ms. Stroud appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She indicated that she is currently on monitored criminal probation until May 2024. Ms. Stroud provided the Board with a summary of her support system, and the steps she is taking to prevent a re-occurrence.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Stroud's social work application and to sit for the ASWB master's examination and to her issue her temporary permit on probation with the following terms:

- The Applicant's license shall be on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. The Applicant may not petition for withdraw of the probation until completion of the terms of his criminal probation.
- The Applicant must keep the Board apprised of the following information in writing and update it as necessary:
  - The Applicant's current home address, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number.
  - The Applicant's place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor.
  - The Applicant's title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week.
- The Applicant shall provide copies of this Board Order signed by any employers within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the Order. If Applicant secures different employment, Applicant shall provide a copy of the Board Order signed by the new employer within fifteen (15) days of starting employment.
- The Applicant shall personally appear before the Board on a BI-ANNUAL basis to update the Board regarding progress with criminal probation.
- The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of social work and report any future arrests, instances of substance abuse, work discipline or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.
- The failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms of his probation may subject Applicant to a show cause hearing and the possible imposition of further sanctions.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 9-0-0

## 22. Heather Thompson (LCAC)

Ms. Thompson appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. She graduated with her MSW in August 2017 and indicated that she has been working as a therapist at Oaklawn since April 2014. Ms. Thompson indicated that she was issued her Indiana Social Work license in 2018. Ms. Thompson stated Oaklawn hired her as a master level therapist and informed her that she could work as long as she was working to get their license, she could practice. The Board discussed unlicensed practice and stated that she can only count time from when she held a license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Thompson's clinical addiction counselor application and to sit for the examination pending receipt of corrected forms.

Adams/Viehweg
Motion carried 9-0-0

#### 23. Stefani Tountzios (LAC)

Ms. Tountzios appeared as requested to provide clarification on her work history. She graduated with her Master of Social Work degree in October of 2022 and indicated that she has been working as a therapist since August 2020. The Board noted that her supervisor was not a qualified supervisor. Ms. Tountzio stated that she was not aware of her supervisor's credentials, and she was under the understanding that she could work under her CADAC-II credential. The Board explained unlicensed practice, and that the CADAC credential does not allow for an individual to practice. The Board noted that as she has a master's degree, she could qualify for the clinical addiction counselor associate.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to switch Ms. Tountzios' application to the clinical addiction counselor associate and submit corrected forms for the new license level.

Adams/Viehweg Motion carried 9-0-0

Let the record show that Ms. Adams has left the meeting.

#### V. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT

There were no Notices of Proposed Default.

## VI. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

There were no Proposed Settlement Agreements.

#### VII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

# A. Michael Hagedorn, LCAC, LMHC, License No. 87001568A, 39003253A

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0005

Re: Extension of Summary Suspension

#### **Parties Present:**

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

# **Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer) Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Kelley Gardner, LMFT Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, SW Section Chair Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about August 8, 2023 a request to extend the suspension of Mr. Hagedorn's license was submitted. Mr. Eldridge stated that they have sent notice to both phone numbers on file, and the two known mailing addresses on file. He is still considered a clear and present danger to the public.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the extension of the license suspension for an additional ninety (90) days in the matter of Mr. Hagedorn.

Richardson/Harner Motion carried 8-0-0

## B. Jennifer Campbell, LCSW, LCAC, License No. 34006177A, 87001499A

Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0029

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

#### **Parties Present:**

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

## **Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC,
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC
Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, SW Section Chair
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about April 11, 2022 Ms. Campbell agreed to a Settlement Agreement with the Board where she agreed to the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year.
- 10 hours of CE in boundaries
- Employer must sign the Final Order and submit it
- Quarterly supervision reports while on probation
- 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
- Comply with all statue and rules of the profession
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

Ms. Campbell stated that she has met all the terms of her probation. She discussed what she learned from her continuing education. She submitted letters of support as Exhibit 1 with no objections from the State.

The State submitted Exhibit A which is an affidavit from IPLA that she has met all the terms of her probation. The State noted that 2.3 hours of he submitted CE do not appear to be in the area of boundaries but will leave it up to the Board to determine if she has met the deficiency.

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

Harner/Viehweg Motion carried 8-0-0

# C. Nathaniel Wagner, LMHC, License No. 39003306A

Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0022

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

#### **Parties Present:**

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

# **Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC,
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC
Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, SW Section Chair
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member

**Case Summary:** On or about August 26, 2022, Mr. Wagner's license was renewed on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for the duration of the criminal probation
- 20 hours of CE in the area of domestic violence, anger management, and Professional boundaries.
- Keep the Board up to date with contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with his employment and their contact information
- Appear quarterly while on probation
- Comply with all statue and rules of the profession

Mr. Wagner stated that he has met all terms of his criminal probation and license probation. He submitted Exhibit 1 which is a copy of his certificate of completion of an anger management course and Exhibits 2 and 3 which are copies of his criminal case showing resolution.

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

Richardson/Justice Motion carried 7-0-1 Cooper-Bolinskey abstained.

# D. Carmen Lavasseur, LCSW, License No. 34006892A

Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0025

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

#### **Parties Present:**

Respondent was present Autumn Murphy, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

#### **Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)
Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC,
Kelley Gardner, LMFT
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**Case Summary:** On or about April 14, 2022 Ms. Lavasseur entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. She agreed to meet the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one (1) year.
- Keep the Board up to date with her contact information
- Keep the Board up to date with her employment information and their contact information.
- Have employers sign a copy of her Final Order and submit it to the Board
- Quarterly Employment reports, or quarterly self-reports if not working as an LCSW
- Will not hold any supervisory roles or unsupervised positions while on license probation
- Attend self-help meetings three (3) times a week and submit quarterly reports while on probation
- Bi-annual appearances while on probation
- Complete a fitness for duty by an LCAC or HSPP with an addictions background, and follow all recommendations
- 6 hours of CE in professionalism, ethics, and client obligations
- Report any relapses immediately to the Board
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.
- Must maintain an active license during probation period. If her license does not remain
  active, she agrees that on any future request to reinstate she will resume the disciplinary terms
  imposed.
- Follow the statue and rules of the profession.

Ms. Lavasseur stated that she has met all the terms of her probation. She provided an overview of what she completed to meet the deficiency. She discussed what she learned from her probation experience. The State noted that she has met all the terms of her probation except for one Board appearance.

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

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0

## E. Kennedy Oser

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0035

Re: Order to Show Cause – Motion to Cease and Desist and Motion to Dismiss Without Prejudice

## **Parties Present:**

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

## **Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)
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Case Summary: On or about August 21, 2023 a Motion to Dismiss without Prejudice was filed. The issue against Ms. Oser was a violation of unlicensed practice. She has informed the State that she is no longer working in Indiana, and she is now employed in a capacity that does not require a license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant the State's Motion to Dismiss without Prejudice in the matter of Ms. Oser.

Richardson/Gardner Motion carried 8-0-0

# F. John DeMarsilis, LMHC, License No. 39003327A

Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0017 Re: Order to Show Cause

# **Parties Present:**

Respondent was present Gavin Hunter, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

## **Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, (Hearing Officer)
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Case Summary: On or about September 12, 2023 an Order to Show cause was issued as Mr. DeMarsilis is non-compliant with his license probation terms. Mr. DeMarsilis requested that the matter to be continued to allow him time to obtain legal counsel. He stated that he has completed a fitness for duty evaluation and has plans to move to Kentucky to be with family.

The Board granted Mr. DeMarsilis' request for a continuance of the hearing in this matter.

## G. Shawn Gibson, LSW, LAC, License No. 33010944A, 86000400A

Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0020

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

#### **Parties Present:**

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

# **Participating Board Members:**

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## **Respondent Witness:**

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

**Case Summary:** On or about August 19, 2022 Mr. Gibson's license was renewed on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for the duration of the criminal terms
- Keep the Board up to date on contact information
- Immediately report to the Board on any additional arrests or charges
- Follow all statue and rules of the probation

Mr. Gibson stated that he has met all his criminal probation terms, and license probation terms. He submitted Exhibit 1 which is a copy of his case summary showing resolution of his charges.

He discussed how the probation status impacted him and that it was a learning experience.

Ms. Vaught was called as witness and attested that he has submitted all quarterly reports.

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

Richardson/Harner Motion carried 8-0-0

## H. Michelle Hairston

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0036

Re: Petition for Review of the Board's Denial of Licensure

#### **Parties Present:**

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

# **Participating Board Members:**

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Case Summary: On or about May 23, 2023 Ms. Hairston's mental health association application was denied as she failed the NCE examination. Ms. Hairston stated that she has been trying to pass the examination since 2017, and she always struggles with testing. She submitted Exhibit 1 which are letters of support, and information regarding her medications to address her anxiety. Ms. Hairston stated that she has not requested accommodations for the examination. She discussed her struggles with studying and understanding what sections she missed on the examination.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Hairston's appeal but uphold the Board's decision to deny the application for failure of the examination.

Viehweg/Harner Motion carried 8-0-0

## VIII DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

# IX. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

There were no applications for review.

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

The Attorney General's office reported to the Board that they have 10 new complaints opened with 84 current open complaints and they have closed 135 since the beginning of the year. Primarily the complaints have been from Marion County followed by Hamilton County. The content of the complaints are professional incompetence, unprofessional conduct, and unlicensed practice. The average age of the open complaints is 6.6 months and primarily against Mental Health Counselors and Clinical Social Workers.

There are currently 16 open litigation cases with only 31 closed this year. The average duration of the litigation cases are 10.4 months. The litigation has occurred mostly in Marion and Hamilton counties. The current litigation charges are for unlicensed practice, followed by unprofessional conduct. Primarily the charges have been filed against Mental Health Counselors followed and Clinical Social Workers.

Mr. Eldridge stated that if unlicensed practice keeps popping up against a particular practitioner, then the Office of Attorney General can file an injunction.

#### XI. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

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

Viehweg/Gardner Motion carried 8-0-0

## XII. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

#### A. Indiana Behavior Association

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Indiana Behavior Association as a CE Sponsor.

Harner/Justice Motion carried 8-0-0

## **B.** Northwest Indiana Community Action

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Northwest Indiana Community Action as a CE Sponsor.

Harner/Justice
Motion carried 8-0-0

## XIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed legislative compact.

The Board discussed rules and requested that Evan Bartel, Deputy Director of PLA, be invited to the next meeting to discuss this matter with the Board.

The Board discussed what is an equivalent supervisor.

## XIV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, reported that Dr. Murray's legal counsel has submitted a request to Dismiss his litigation case before the Board. The Board counsel stated he will have to review the request as we have not received a response back yet from the State regarding Dr. Murray's request to Dismiss.

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health
and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 5:52 p.m. by general consensus.

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW	Date	

**Board Chair**