

Kentucky Board of Social Work NEWSLETTER

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Meet the Board Members & Staff

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Board Attorney

2009 Board Meeting Dates

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| Jan. 13 | Jul. 27 |
| Feb. 23 | Aug. 24 |
| Mar. 23 | Sep. 28 |
| Apr. 27 | Oct. 26 |
| May 18 | Nov. 23 |
| Jun. 22 | Dec. 28 |

All board meetings are held at 44 Fountain Place, Frankfort KY 40601 and are open to the public.

Board dates above are subject to change.

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ETHICS, ETHICS, ETHICS

Every Social Worker in the Commonwealth of Kentucky must complete a face to face ethics course on the Kentucky Code of Ethical Conduct. Pursuant 201 KAR 23:075 Section 4 (5) *Three (3) continuing education hours during each renewal period shall be acquired in the area of the social work code of ethics as codified in 201 KAR 23:080.*

Every licensee should ensure that they have taken a proper ethics course which fulfills the requirement of 201 KAR 23:075 during each renewal period.

Feel free to contact the Board office if you have questions regarding an approval for an Ethics course. All ethics course should state “approved by the Kentucky Board of Social Work for social work renewal.”

The Board is INDEPENDENT!

The Kentucky Board of Social Work became an independent Board on January 16, 2009 and was assigned to the General Government Cabinet. Prior to this the Kentucky Board of Social Work was attached for administrative purposes to the Division of Occupations and Professions in the Finance Cabinet. The Division of Occupations and Professions provided administrative support in the form of a ¼ of a clerical staff person to meet the needs of over 5000 licensees and approximately 500 candidates for license. The Board of Social Work began terminating their administrative support in May 2008 and the process became complete with the move to 44 Fountain Place, Frankfort, KY. This move will allow the Board to more efficiently and effectively meet the needs of licensees while fulfilling the mandate of KRS 335 which is to protect the public and regulate the practice of social work.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I need to do to become a supervisor in KY?

According to 201 KAR 23:070, a supervisor must be in the practice of clinical social work for three (3) years following licensure as a licensed clinical social worker **AND** complete a board approved supervision course. Therefore, an LCSW wishing to be approved as a supervisor needs to send a request with their certificate of attendance at a supervisory training course to the Board for approval. The course must be on Supervision According to the KY Law. An LCSW must be approved by the Board before one can provide supervision. **An acceptable supervision course is defined as a three (3) hour face to face presentation on the KY Law and Regulations.** You may not provide supervision until you are approved by the Board as a supervisor in KY.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many continuing education hours do I need to renew my license?

License Social Workers must have 15 hours to renew their license. Certified Social Workers and Licensed Clinical Social Workers must accrue 30 hours of continuing education to renew their license. All social workers must have three (3) hours of ethics in a live presentation format on the KY Code of Ethical Conduct during each renewal period while each licensee must have two (2) hours of HIV/AIDS every third renewal period. All licensees must have three (3) hours of continuing education hours in the area of domestic violence within three (3) years of initial licensure. The combined total number of hours for home study, distance learning or online courses may not exceed ½ of your total continuing education hours.

How do I know if hours are the Continuing Education Hours are approved?

Programs must be approved by the Kentucky Board of Social Work and should indicate approval on the certificate or course outline. Programs not requiring Board approval are courses sponsored or approved by NASW, ASWB, National Federation of Clinical Social Workers, American Psychological Association, American Counseling Association, National Board of Certified Counselors, and the American Psychiatric Association. Courses for Ethics must be on the KY Code of Ethical Conduct pursuant to 201 KAR 23:075.

How do I add an additional supervisor to my Contract for Clinical Social Work Supervision?

Licensees with an approved Contract for Clinical Social Work Supervision need to submit a request to add an additional supervisor to their contract along with the additional supervisor's Certificate of Attendance at a supervision training course. The licensee, additional supervisor and Supervisor of Record will need to sign the request. REMEMBER, if you change your clinical social work setting or Supervisor of Record, you must submit a NEW contract for approval.

If I have completed my 200 hours of supervision, do I need to continue in supervision?

YES, you must remain under supervision until you are licensed by the Board as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

When can I begin providing clinical social work services?

You must wait until you receive your approval letter for your Contract for Clinical Social Work Supervision from the Kentucky Board of Social Work before providing clinical social work services.

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What is the Kentucky Board of Social Work?

The Kentucky Board of Social Work is a regulatory board which exists to protect the public and regulate the practice of social work. The social work law; KRS 335 was enacted in 1974 and the Board was created to regulate the practice of social work and protect the public. As a licensee it is important that you know the law which governs your practice of social work. The Kentucky Board of Social Work is a member of the Association of Social Work Boards. You may download a copy of the Law and Regulations at our website at <http://finance.ky.gov/bsw>

Renewal Cards

Licensees will no longer receive a pocket renewal card at the time of renewal. You may verify your license online at <http://finance.ky.gov/bsw>.

This information can be printed for verification of your licensure. This is the same information that is on the renewal card.

Supervisor of Record

What does this mean?

Pursuant to 201 KAR 23:070 Section 4 (a) states "The supervisor of record understands that he shall be accountable to the board for the care given to the supervisee's clients"

The Board expects the Supervisor of Record to not only provide high quality clinical supervision but to know and understand the law and regulations regarding the Contract for Clinical Social Work Supervision and to guide the supervisee through the contract process to the LCSW application process. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the licensee remains under supervision until the licensee is licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The Supervisor of Record should be knowledgeable of the Law and Regulations Regarding the Practice of Social Work to assist the licensee in their practice of social work. You may not begin providing supervision until you have received permission from the Board.

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COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Barbara Brewster, CSW

On July 24, 2006, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a letter of admonishment to Barbara Brewster, CSW for activities related to the termination of social work services under the requirements of 201 KAR 23:080 Section 12 (3).

Connie Richter, LCSW

On September 25, 2006, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a letter of admonishment to Connie Richter, LCSW for failure to properly report an allegation of abuse.

Sharon Chyle, LCSW

On May 25, 2006, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Consent Decree with Sharon Chyle, LCSW and took disciplinary actions against Sharon Chyle, LCSW. Ms. Chyle agreed to individual counseling addressing dual relationships and boundary issues and Ms. Chyle will complete 48 hours of supervision, at her own expense, regarding her clinical social work practice with emphasis on issues relating to dual relationships from July 1, 2007 to June 20, 2008, and fifteen (15) hours of structured, class-room didactic study submitted to the Board for approval on dual relationships and boundary issues.

Paulette S. Seng, CSW

On September 24, 2007 the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement with Paulette Seng, CSW and took disciplinary actions against Ms. Seng. Ms. Seng agreed to a suspension of ninety days and completion of six (6) hours continuing education on the Code of Ethics. This continuing education has to be in addition to the hours required by 201 KAR 23:075 Section 2.

David Houvengale, CSW

On November 27, 2006, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement with David Houvengale, CSW and took disciplinary actions against Mr. Houvengale. Mr. Houvengale agrees that his Kentucky license to practice social work in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be indefinitely probated until the Indiana Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counsel Board lifts its discipline action against its Indiana license.

Leslie A. Prestel, LCSW

On January 29, 2008, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement with Leslie A. Prestel, LCSW and took disciplinary action against Ms. Prestel for a violation of 201 KAR 23:080 Section 11, Dual Relationships. Ms. Prestel's license was surrendered as if revoked with the revocation being retroactive from January 1, 2007. The recognition of the beginning date of January 1, 2007 is based on the fact that Ms. Prestel has not been in practice during that period of time. Ms. Prestel shall not apply for reinstatement for a period of no less than three (3) years from January 1, 2007.

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Jamie Lloyd, CSW

On March 24, 2008, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a Letter of Reprimand to Jamie Lloyd for a violation of 201 KAR 23:080 Section 8, Section 2.

Pat Roberts, CSW

On March 24, 2008, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a Letter of Reprimand to Pat Roberts for a violation of 201 KAR 23:080 Section 10.

Amanda L. Denton, CSW

On June 23, 2008, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a Letter of Admonishment to Amanda Denton for a violation 201 KAR 23:080 Section 8, Section 2.

Connie Richter, LCSW

On February 23, 2009, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a Letter of Admonishment to Connie Richter for a violation of 201 KAR 23:080 Section 3 (3).

Nada Harrington-Bocook, LCSW

On May 19, 2009, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a Letter of Admonishment to Nada Harrington-Bocook for a violation of 201 KAR 23:080 Section 9.

Myrtle Proctor, LCSW

On July 22, 2009, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a Letter of Admonishment to Myrtle Proctor for failure to inform the Board that she had stopped providing LCSW supervision to a CSW and violation of 201 KAR 23:070.

Faith Miller, LSW

On July 27, 2009, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement and issued a Letter of Reprimand for exceeding the scope of the licensee's practice as established in KRS Chapter 335.

Please contact us with any questions

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