

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE STATE
LISA ANN BRENNER, LCSW-C	*	BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
Respondent	*	EXAMINERS
License Number: 14584	*	Case No. 12-1848
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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. §10-226 (c) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.), the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ.") §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.) , and Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 42.04.07, the State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the social work license of **LISA ANN BRENNER, LCSW-C (the "Respondent")**, License Number **14584**. This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:¹

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice clinical social work in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed on November 6, 2008. Her license is currently active and is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2014.
2. At all times relevant, the Respondent was employed as a social worker.

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a completed description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in this matter.

3. On or about August 2, 2012, the Board received information from the Dorchester County Parole and Probation Department ("Complainant A") alleging that the Respondent was recently arrested and charged with a controlled dangerous substance ("CDS") violation.

4. On or about September 25, 2012, the Board received a written complaint from a Complainant A alleging that the Respondent "is providing services to the community and has a substance abuse issue." The written complaint included a copy of criminal charging documents.

5. Thereafter, the Board initiated an investigation.

6. On or about February 1, 2013, the Board received a second complaint from a social worker ("Complainant B") who conducted a forensic evaluation of the Respondent. Complainant B alleged that the Respondent "has a significant history of substance abuse and [she fears that the Respondent] may be providing therapy while under the influence."

7. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about July 12, 2012, the Respondent arrested and charged with CDS possession (not marijuana) and CDS possession of paraphernalia. The charges stemmed from an incident during which police searched the Respondent's vehicle during a routine traffic stop and located crack cocaine and paraphernalia associated with the smoking of crack cocaine.

8. On or about August 20, 2012, the Respondent was arrested and charged with CDS possession (not marijuana) and CDS possession of paraphernalia. These charges were not prosecuted.

9. On or about December 19, 2012, in the District Court for Dorchester County, the Respondent was found guilty of CDS possession (not marijuana) stemming from her July 2012 arrest. The Respondent's sentence was held *sub curia* and she was referred to the Dorchester County Drug Court Program.

10. The Respondent submitted to a mental health evaluation through her participation in the Dorchester County Drug Court Program. According to the evaluator, the Respondent was "untruthful in her testimony as evidenced by discrepancies, omissions, and contradictions made in each interview." The Respondent "showed no signs of remorse over the legal consequences of her substance abuse." Further, the evaluator opined that the Respondent "minimized the severity of her substance use and legal issues."

11.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Accordingly, the Board concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2)(i) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is this 31st day of MAY 2013, by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, hereby:

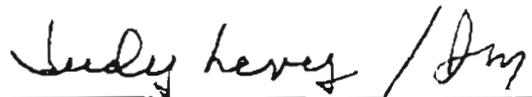
ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested by Md. State Gov't Code Ann., § 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent's license to practice social work in Maryland, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that a post-deprivation hearing on the Summary Suspension has been scheduled for **Friday, June 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and be it further

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** hearing held before the Board, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) days an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be held within forty-five (45) days of the request, before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board all copies of her license to practice social work issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that this document constitutes an Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy Levy / Jm", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Judy Levy, LCSW-C, Board Chair
State Board of Social Work Examiners