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Yvonne Perret, LCSW-C, Chair
State Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

BOARD OF SOCIAL
WORK EXAMINERS

RE: Surrender of Social Work License
License Number: 07047
Case Number: 06-1045

Dear Ms. Perret and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland, License Number 07047 (D.O.B. 3/28/52).

I understand that I may not engage in the practice of social work in Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("H.O.") § 19-101(m), including supervision of other social workers; and evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of psychosocial conditions and mental disorders and the provision of psychotherapy, or otherwise engage in a position for which a license to practice social work is required.

In addition, I will refrain from identifying myself as a licensed practitioner of social work, I will remove all signs or similar advertisements that indicate authority to practice social work, and I will not use letterhead or business cards indicating authority to practice social work. In other words, as of September 14, 2007, the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this NON-PERMANENT Letter of Surrender is a PUBLIC document.

My decision to surrender my license to practice social work in Maryland has been prompted, in part, by an investigation of my licensure by the State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board"). The investigation was based on an April 2006 complaint from my clinical supervisor. The complainant stated that I left the clinic in January 2006 where I was employed without my documentation (chart notes and treatment plans) being complete.

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The Board investigated the complaint, and the Board's investigation resulted in charges under the Act. Specifically, on June 8, 2007, the Board charged me with the commission of prohibited acts under Md. Health Occ. Code Ann., § 19-311(7) (Fails to maintain adequate patient records).

I affirm that I was served with a copy of the charging document and have otherwise been advised of the Board's actions through communications with representatives of the Office of the Attorney General.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in Maryland to avoid further proceedings on the aforementioned charges and because I have decided to temporarily retire from the practice of social work due to current problems with my health.

I agree that the Board has a sufficient basis for finding the allegations and violations as charged, and, by virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest those charges and findings. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to contest these findings in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I wish to inform the Board that I was unable to complete the required documentation because of my illnesses, which required hospitalizations in October 2005 and December 2005. I further state that I would never have done something, or failed to do something, that knowingly violated the Social Work Practice Act or for the purpose of being unethical.

I understand that if I petition the Board for reinstatement of my license, I may be required to appear before a case resolution committee of the Board that will review my case. In the event that I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland license or for the issuance of a new Maryland license, I understand that the Board may set terms and conditions that shall apply to my receiving a reinstated license or a new Maryland license, taking into consideration the facts of the investigation and the charges of this case. The Board, in its discretion, may consider whether my health condition is stable and would not interfere with my ability to practice, and the Board, in its discretion, may require me to work under a supervisor, for a probationary period, who will report to the Board whether my documentation is adequate.

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I hereby affirm that I have terminated any social work practice that I had in Maryland and have not practiced social work since January 2006.

I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my Maryland social work license, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise the Association of State Boards of Social Work, the National Practitioners Data Bank, the Health Care Integrity Data Bank, and any other required entities, of this Letter of Surrender, and in any response to inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying documents, may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann., § 10-611 *et seq.*

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I understand that I may consult with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender and have voluntarily chosen not to do so. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Ann Burrows LCSW-C

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NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF CARROLL

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that on this 9th day of AUGUST, 2007,
before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared
Kathleen Ann Burrows, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury
that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Lisa Hull

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 3/1/2008

ACCEPTANCE

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS, on this
14th day of September, 2007, I accept Kathleen Ann Burrow's
PUBLIC Letter of Surrender of her license to practice social work in the State of
Maryland.

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