

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE STATE
CLARENCE GREEN, LCSW-C	*	BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
Respondent	*	EXAMINERS
License Number: 12733	*	Case No. 13-1861
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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. §10-226 (c) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ.") §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 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 **CLARENCE GREEN, LCSW-C** (the "**Respondent**"), **License Number 12733**. 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 May 18, 2005. His license is currently active and is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2013.

2. At all times relevant, the Respondent was employed at Practice A in Salisbury, Maryland as a clinical 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 May 15, 2013, the Board received a complaint ("complaint #1") from the Respondent's supervisor (the "complainant") alleging that the Respondent engaged in sexual misconduct with a client ("Client A").

4. Thereafter the Board initiated an investigation.

5. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about January 2010, the Respondent was disciplined by Practice A after a client complained that he made a "possible sexual innuendo."

6. A corrective action was taken and the Respondent was placed on probation at Practice A for a period of 90 days. During the probationary period, the Respondent was monitored using random telephone calls and patient evaluations. The Respondent also completed a face-to-face course on awareness and sexual harassment.

7. The Board's investigation further revealed that on or about March 7, 2013, Client A contacted Witness A, a Practice A employee, regarding a form that she needed the Respondent to complete. During the conversation, Client A requested a transfer from the Respondent to a female therapist. Client A later revealed that she did not want to continue therapy with the Respondent because he "propositioned her."

8. When confronted, the Respondent stated that Client A asked him "to have an affair" to which he responded "no, we would get caught." The Respondent failed to follow Practice A's protocol of seeking supervision or documenting Client A's alleged inappropriate conduct.

9. As a result, Practice A again took corrective action by mandating that the Respondent enroll in an ethics course and that his clients be monitored.

10. On or about April 22, 2013, Witness A spoke with Client A to discuss Client A's decision not to attend therapy. During the conversation, Client A revealed that the Respondent made suggestive, sexual comments to her that made her feel uncomfortable. Client A also revealed that the Respondent exposed his genitals to her during a therapy session and asked Client A if she wanted to "touch it."

11. Client A further disclosed that the Respondent called her cellular telephone and tried to arrange a time to meet at a hotel for Valentine's Day. Client A stated that the Respondent made sexual comments, tried to hug her, "pressed" against her, and "swatted" her buttock when she was leaving his office.

12. Client A stated that the Respondent's actions triggered symptoms of her past trauma.

13. As a result of Client A's allegations, the Respondent was suspended from his employment at Practice A pending an investigation.

14. When confronted, the Respondent admitted that he exposed himself to Client A during a therapy session. The Respondent also revealed that he told Client A that he had herpes so she would not want to be involved in a relationship with him.

15. The Respondent was terminated from his employment at Practice A, effective April 24, 2013.

16. Subsequently, the Respondent's clients at Practice A were reassigned to other providers. Client B was reassigned to Witness B.

17. Client B disclosed to Witness B that the Respondent had asked Client B several times to "wear something sexy," and asked her to go into a closet with him.

18. Client B stated that the Respondent frequently made inappropriate remarks about doing "sexual things".

19. Client B stated that she was nervous and scared about the Respondent grabbing her, so she sat close to the door to his office.

20. Thereafter, on May 26, 2013, Witness B filed a complaint (complaint #2) with the Board alleging the information that was reported by Client B.

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.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is this 27th day of June 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, July 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and be it further

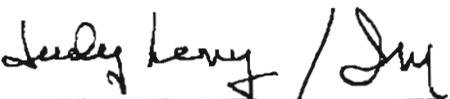
ORDERED that at the conclusion of the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** hearing held before the Board, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) days an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be held

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.).

6-27-13
Date



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