

<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF</b></p> <p><b>WILLIAM C. LUKENS, LCSW-C</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Respondent ,</b></p> <p><b>LICENSE NUMBER: 12108</b></p>	<p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p>	<p><b>BEFORE THE MARYLAND</b></p> <p><b>STATE BOARD OF</b></p> <p><b>SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS</b></p> <p><b>CASE NUMBER: 2015-2150</b></p>
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**CONSENT ORDER**

On June 24, 2016, the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") charged the Respondent with violating the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II ("Health Occ. II"), §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.).

Specifically, the Board charged the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Act under Health Occ. II, § 19-311:

Subject to the hearing provisions of §19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

- (6) Violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board[.]

The Board charged the Respondent with violating the following regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board under Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") 10.42.08.04:

**COMAR 10.42.08.04 Qualifications, Educations, and Responsibilities of a Supervisor**

- B. Additional Responsibilities. In addition the requirements under §A of this regulation, the supervisor for advanced licensure shall:

- (1) Have filed with the Board the supervisory registration form; [and]

...

(3) Have been approved as a supervisor by the Board[.]

On August 16, 2016, a Case Resolution Conference was held before a panel of the Board. As a resolution of this matter, the Respondent agreed to enter into this public Consent Order consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. At all times relevant to the charges herein, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice clinical social work in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice clinical social work in Maryland on September 29, 2013, under License Number 12108. The Respondent's license is current through October 31, 2017.
2. At all times relevant to the charges herein, the Respondent was employed at a treatment center in Annapolis, Maryland.
3. On or about November 5, 2015, the Board received an application from an LCSW-C applicant (the "Supervisee"), which included two documents entitled *Contract for Supervision for LCSW and LCSW-C Licensure* and a *Supervision Verification Form*.
4. The Respondent signed both documents affirming under penalties of perjury that he supervised the Supervisee from March 3, 2014, to October 21, 2015.
5. Upon review, the Board discovered that the Respondent did not receive Board approval to serve as a supervisor until on or about June 4, 2015.
6. The Respondent supervised the Supervisee from on or about March 3, 2014, to on or about June 3, 2015, without prior Board approval.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent's failure to file a supervisory registration form and obtain Board approval prior to him supervising the Supervisee from on or about March 3, 2014, to June 3, 2015, constitutes a violation of COMAR 10.42.08.04B(1) and (3), in violation of Health Occ. II §19-311(6).

**ORDER**

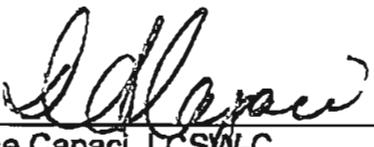
Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by a majority of the Board considering this case:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) pursuant to an agreed installment plan to the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

9/9/2016  
Date

  
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Denise Capaci, LCSW-C  
Board Chair  
State Board of Social Work Examiners

**CONSENT**

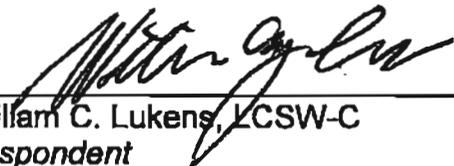
I, William C. Lukens, LCSW-C, acknowledge that I had the opportunity to be represented by counsel and have knowingly elected not to be represented by counsel before entering into this Consent Order. By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the

foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the violations as set forth above and accept personal responsibility for my behavior.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in 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 the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed after any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order.

8/29/16  
Date

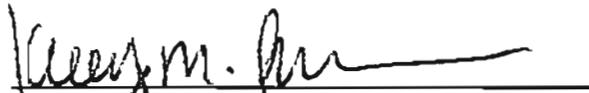
  
William C. Lukens, LCSW-C  
Respondent

**NOTARY**

STATE OF Maryland  
CITY/COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29 day of August, 2016, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County personally appear William C. Lukens, LCSW-C, and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

Kelly M. Fugger  
Notary Public for Maryland  
Anne Arundel County  
My Commission Expires  
September 20, 2017