

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
LEWIS O. MOON, LCSW-C	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF
License No.: 05656	*	SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Respondent	*	Case Number: 969

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ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

On November 17, 2006, Lewis O. Moon, LCSW-C, License Number 05656 (the "Respondent") entered into a Consent Order (the "Order") with the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board"). The Order stated that Respondent had violated Maryland Health Occ. Code Ann. ("HO") § 19-311(4), (6) and (7), as well as Code Md. Regs. tit. 10 § 42.03.03 C.

The Order placed Respondent's social work license on suspension for a period of six (6) months, effective thirty (30) days from the date of the Order, with all but thirty (30) days stayed. The Order provided that there would be no automatic termination of suspension after six months, and that Respondent must petition the Board to lift the suspension.

The conditions precedent to the Board terminating the suspension were that Respondent shall:

1. Provide written documentation that he has enrolled in, or completed, a Board approved, one-on-one tutorial in professional ethics with a Board-approved instructor, at least 12 weeks in duration with specific emphasis on ethics of professional boundaries and

social and dual relationships with clients and former clients;

2. Authorize the Board to provide the ethics tutor with the entire investigative file, including all investigative interviews and investigative reports, and records of treatment obtained during the investigation, the Board's disciplinary charges and the Consent Order;
3. Shall provide written documentation that he has contracted with a Board-approved supervisor for his probationary period; and
4. Not engage in any activity or conduct that falls within the jurisdiction of, or is governed by, any Board established by the Maryland Health Occupations Article, including but not limited to activities which involve the provision of psychotherapy or counseling services, teaching, or any other activity which requires Respondent to have direct or indirect involvement in decisions concerning the treatment rendered to mental health patients or other recipients of counseling services, whether or not such services are compensated.

Respondent has complied with the conditions of the Order and, on January 17, 2007, petitioned the Board to terminate his suspension and to

reinstate his license in order that he may begin his probation, which is one (1) year in duration, pursuant to the Order. The conditions of probation are delineated in the Order dated November 17, 2006.

Therefore, it is this 9th day of February, 2007, by a majority of the full authorized membership of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, hereby

ORDERED that the suspension of the Maryland social work license of Lewis Oscar Moon, LCSW-C is **LIFTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Moon's Maryland social work license is placed on **PROBATION** for a period of one (1) year **pursuant to the all of the conditions and requirements of the Consent Order dated November 17, 2006**; and it is further

ORDERED that in the event that the Board finds for any reason in good faith that Mr. Moon has violated the Maryland Social Workers Act, Maryland Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2000 Repl. Vol. & 2003 Supp.), or if Mr. Moon violates this Order Lifting Suspension by violating any of the conditions of probation as articulated in the Consent Order dated November 17, 2006, the Board, after notification to the Respondent, and an opportunity for a hearing, may take immediate action and may impose any lawful disciplinary sanctions it deems appropriate, including but not limited to revocation or suspension of Mr. Moon's social work license. The burden of proof for any action brought against Mr. Moon as a result of a breach of the conditions of this Order Lifting Suspension or the

Consent Order dated November 17, 2006 shall be on Mr. Moon to demonstrate compliance with said orders; and it is further

ORDERED that the terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated November 17, 2006 **remain in full force and effect**; and it is further

ORDERED that the conditions and prerequisites for termination of probation as outlined in the Consent Order dated November 17, 2006 are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Moon shall practice social work in accordance with the Maryland Social Workers Act, in a safe and competent manner, and shall refrain from engaging in the type of activity that led to this disciplinary action. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this Order Lifting Suspension; and it is further

ORDERED that any violation of this Order Lifting Suspension shall constitute unprofessional conduct; and it is further

ORDERED that for purposes of public disclosure, as permitted by Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-617(h) (1999 Repl. Vol. & 2003 Supp.), this document is an order resulting from formal disciplinary action; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order Lifting Suspension is a final order of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners and, as such, a Public Document and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated to report, and is disclosable under the Maryland Public Information Act, Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 *et seq.* (1999 Repl. Vol. And 2003 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this Order Lifting Suspension shall be effective as of the date that it is signed by the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 9th DAY OF February, 2007,
2007.

By:

Yvonne M. Perret, LCSW-C

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Chair

Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners