

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
SHIRLEY E. SINGER, LGSW * MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF
License No.: G07430 * SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Respondent * Case Number: 06-1091

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ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

On December 12, 2008, Shirley E. Singer, LGSW, License Number G07430, (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(10) for acts that would be grounds for disciplinary action under HO § 19-311(4), (6), (7) and (12), and Code Md. Regs. tit. 10 § 42.03.03B(1) and (2).

The Order placed Respondent's social work license on suspension for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on December 14, 2008. The condition precedent to the Board terminating the suspension was that Respondent shall submit to the Board for approval a written plan of supervision and the name of a Board-approved supervisor who will monitor Respondent's practice. The Respondent will be supervised for at least one (1) year of active social work practice, during which time Respondent's license will be on probation. Respondent is required to comply with the terms and conditions of probation as delineated in the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008

On February 2, 2009, Respondent submitted to the Board a request for approval of her supervisor. The Board approved Patrick Crawford, LCSW-C as

Respondent's supervisor. In addition, Respondent advised the Board that, due to a medical condition, she will not be resuming her practice immediately.

In light of the foregoing, it is this 13th day of February, 2009, 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 Shirley E. Singer, LGSW is **LIFTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent's Maryland social work license is placed on **PROBATION** for a period of **one (1) year of supervised, active social work practice**, pursuant to the conditions and requirements of the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008; and it is further

ORDERED that, in the event that the Board finds for any reason in good faith that Respondent has violated the Maryland Social Workers Act, Maryland Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2005 Repl. Vol. & 2008 Supp.), or if Respondent violates this Order Lifting Suspension by violating any of the conditions of probation as articulated in the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008, 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 Respondent's social work license. The burden of proof for any action brought against Respondent as a result of a breach of the conditions of this Order Lifting Suspension or the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008

shall be on Respondent to demonstrate compliance with said orders; and it is further

ORDERED that the terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008 **remain in full force and effect**. Specifically, during Respondent's probation, her practice will be supervised as outlined in the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008, and Respondent shall ensure that her supervisor submits quarterly reports to the Board. The first quarterly report is due **three (3) months from the date that Respondent returns to practice**; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent must complete an ethics tutorial as delineated in the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008; and it is further

ORDERED that the conditions and prerequisites for termination of probation as outlined in the Consent Order dated December 12, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect; and it is further

ORDERED that, at the end of the 1-year probationary period, Respondent may petition the Board in writing for her license to be reinstated without conditions or restrictions. If Respondent is able to demonstrate full compliance with the conditions of probation as outlined in the Consent Order and this Order Lifting Suspension to the Board's satisfaction, and there are no outstanding complaints pending against Respondent with the Board, then the Board shall terminate the probation; otherwise, the probation shall continue; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent 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) (2004 Repl. Vol. & 2008 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.* (2004 Repl. Vol. & 2008 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 13th **DAY OF** February,
2009.

By:



Cherie Cannon, LCSW-C

Chair

Maryland Board of
Social Work Examiners