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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OF :
THE CERTIFICATION OF: :
: Administrative Action
ANDREA FRAZIER, CSW :
License No. 44SW04899300 : CONSENT ORDER
:
TO PROVIDE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of information that Andrea Frazier ("Respondent") misrepresented her credentials and level of licensure in New Jersey. Respondent is registered as a Certified Social Worker ("CSW") in the State of New Jersey, but it was alleged that Respondent represented herself as both a Licensed Clinical Social Worker ("LCSW") and as a Licensed Social Worker ("LSW").

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In a letter to the Board submitted by her attorney, Jacqueline M. Vigilante, Esq., respondent admitted that in or about August 2000, Respondent "included the initials LSW in her initial employment materials." Moreover, Respondent continued to use the initials "LSW" after her name in her course of employment with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey ("UMDNJ"). Respondent further admitted that UMDNJ's computer database listed her with the credentials "LCSW", but she claimed that this was an automatic designation over which she had no control.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the complaint and Respondent's letter, it appears to the Board that Respondent repeatedly misrepresented her credentials and held herself out as either a licensed social worker or a licensed clinical social worker without possessing either of those licenses, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-4. Respondent's conduct provides grounds to take disciplinary action against her license to practice clinical social work in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (e) and (h).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, respondent having waived her right to a hearing in this matter, and the Board finding that entry of this Order adequately protects the public health, safety, and welfare, for good cause shown:

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 9th DAY OF March 2016,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, Respondent shall voluntarily and permanently surrender her certification to provide social work services in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a revocation of her certification. Respondent agrees that she shall not seek to reinstate her certification to provide social work services in New Jersey.

2. Upon surrender of her certification, Respondent shall cease and desist from offering to engage in or engaging in the provision of any and all social work services in New Jersey in any setting, including exempt settings as defined in N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5.

3. Respondent shall surrender her wallet certificate, and her most recent renewal card of her social work certification by mailing them to J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Social Work Examiners, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with her signing of this Order.

4. Any practice in this State in violation of the above provisions shall constitute unlicensed practice and/or grounds

for discipline for violation of an Order of the Board as well as professional misconduct.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By:

Dawn Appgar
Dawn Appgar, Ph.D., LSW, ACSW
Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Andrea Frazier
Andrea Frazier, CSW

1/18/16
Date

Consent is given as to form and entry of this Order.

George Fajmakis
George Fajmakis, Esq.
Attorney for Andrea Frazier, CSW

1/18/16
Date