

AMANDA GAY BORDWINE, LCSW-C

Sondra Petty, LCSW-C  
Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Re: Surrender of License to Practice as a  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
License Number: 13486  
Case Number: 2020-2897

Dear Ms. Petty and Members of the Board,

Please be advised that pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 19-310 (2021 Repl. Vol.), I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice social work, in the State of Maryland, License Number 13486, effective upon the acceptance of this letter by the Board Chair. I understand that upon the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiner's (the Board's) acceptance of this letter of surrender, I may not represent to the public by title, description of services, methods, procedures, or otherwise that I am a licensed certified social worker. Moreover, I understand that I may not practice social work, clinical or otherwise, as defined in the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 19-101 *et seq.*

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**, and upon the Board's acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board. I also understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

My decision to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland was prompted by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") and its subsequent issuance of *Charges Under the Maryland Social Workers Act* ("Charges") under the following provisions of the Act, Health Occ. § 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:

- (4) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of social work;
- (5) Engages in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work;
- (6) Violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board; [and]
- (9) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state...for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section[.]

The pertinent provisions of COMAR provide the following:

**COMAR 10.42.03 Code of Ethics**

**.03 Responsibilities to Clients.**

B. The licensee may not:

...

- (3) Exploit a relationship with a client for personal advantage or satisfaction[.]

**.05 Relationships.**

A. The licensee may not enter into a dual relationship with a client or an individual with whom the client has a close personal relationship.

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D. The licensee may not engage in sexual misconduct with either current or former clients.

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- F. The licensee may not terminate professional services or a professional relationship with a client in order to enter into a nonprofessional, social, or sexual relationship with the client or an individual with whom the client has a personal relationship.

I acknowledge that the Board's investigation was based upon my report to the Board that the Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners had taken disciplinary action against me. The Board's subsequent investigation included an under-oath interview of a former client (the "Client") who alleged that I violated professional boundaries and engaged in an intimate and sexual relationship with him. Specifically, the Client alleged that we engaged in sexual intercourse, oral sex and heavy petting. The Client stated to the Board that the relationship lasted approximately six months, he felt that I "groomed him," and the relationship caused him to feel ashamed. I admitted in my under-oath interview with the Board that I treated the Client, was involved in an emotional relationship with him, and engaged in intimate touching and fondling with him, but no sexual intercourse or oral sex. In addition, the three to four weeks we were intimate occurred after I discharged him from treatment and referred him to another therapist.

As a result of the Board's investigation, on or about September 2, 2021, the Board issued Charges Under the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act") in Board Case Number 2020-2897.

I met with the Board at a Case Resolution Conference held on or about September 15, 2022. I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland to resolve this matter and to avoid prosecution of the Charges.

I acknowledge that if the Board were to proceed with an evidentiary hearing in this matter, the State would be able to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that I violated certain provisions of the Act, including: Health Occ. § 19-311 (4) ("commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of social work"); (5) ("engages in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work"); (6) ("violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board"); and (9) ("is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state...for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. § 19-311") with underlying violations of COMAR 10.42.03.03.B(3) ("the licensee may not exploit a relationship with a client for personal advantage or satisfaction"); COMAR 10.42.03.05.A ("the licensee may not enter into a dual relationship with a client or an individual with whom the client has a close personal relationship"); COMAR 10.42.03.05.D ("The licensee may not engage in sexual misconduct with either current or former clients"); COMAR 10.42.03.05.F ("The licensee may not terminate professional services or a professional relationship with a client in order to enter into a

nonprofessional, social, or sexual relationship with the client or an individual with whom the client has a personal relationship”).

I recognize that for all purposes relevant to licensure that these allegations of fact set forth above will be treated as proven and that these allegations support a conclusion that I violated the Act as detailed herein.

I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that, by the execution of this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving the right to contest the Board's Charges in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have 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 law, including the right to appeal.

I acknowledge that upon my execution of this Letter of Surrender, I shall surrender to the Board my Maryland social worker license, License Number 13486, including any wall certificate, renewal certificates, and wallet-sized renewal cards in my possession.

I understand that the Board will advise the Association of State Boards of Social Work, the National Practitioner Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender; any other required entities of this Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying documents, may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2021). Finally, I understand that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license will remain surrendered unless and until the Board grants reinstatement of my license. I understand that if I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland license, the Board or its successor has absolute discretion to grant or deny my application for reinstatement. If the Board denies my application, I do not have the right to a hearing or for a judicial review of the Board's decision. If the Board does grant reinstatement, it may impose any terms and conditions the Board considers appropriate for public safety and the protection of the integrity and reputation of the profession. I further understand that if I file a petition for reinstatement, I will approach the Board or its successor in the same position as an individual whose license has been revoked. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement, I bear the burden of demonstrating my profession competence and fitness to practice social work to the satisfaction of the Board.

Letter of Surrender  
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I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I have been advised of my right to be represented by an attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board, including the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly, voluntarily, and without duress.

Sincerely,

12-8-2022  
Date

Amanda G. Bordwine  
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**NOTARY PUBLIC**

STATE/DISTRICT OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Wicomico

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8 day of December, 2022, before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Amanda Gay Bordwine**, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Milton Glen Catlin  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 01/04/2025



Milton Glen Catlin  
Wicomico County MD  
Commission Expires  
January 4th 2025

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**ACCEPTANCE**

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, I, Sondra Petty, Board Chair, on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners, hereby accept **Amanda Gay Bordwine's PUBLIC SURRENDER** of her license to practice social work in the State of Maryland pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 19-310 (2021 Repl. Vol.)



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