

IN THE MATTER OF

AMANDA BORDWINE aka

AMANDA BORDWINE-LIEB

Respondent

Unlicensed

* **BEFORE THE MARYLAND**
* **STATE BOARD OF**
* **SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**
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* **Case Number: 2023-3325**

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CONSENT ORDER

On November 17, 2023, the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the “Board”) charged **AMANDA BORDWINE aka AMANDA BORDWINE-LIEB** (the “Respondent”), unlicensed, with violating the Maryland Social Workers Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol.) and Md. Code Regs. (“COMAR”) 10.42.03 *et seq.*

Specifically, the Board charged the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Act:

§ 19-301. License requirements

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be:
 - (1) Licensed by the Board before the individual may practice social work in this State while representing oneself as a social worker...[.]

§ 19-401. License required to practice social work

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice social work in this State while representing oneself to be a social worker unless licensed by the Board.

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§ 19-402. Representation to the public, practice of social work

Unless authorized to practice social work under this title, a person may not:

- (1) Represent to the public that the person is a licensed social worker[.]

§ 19-101. Definitions.

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- (l) "Practice clinical social work" means to use the specialized education, training, and experience required under § 19-302(e) of this title to practice social work.

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- (n)(1) "Practice social work" means to apply the theories, knowledge, procedures, methods, and ethics derived from receiving a baccalaureate or master's degree from a program in social work that is accredited by or a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education, or an equivalent organization approved by the Council on Social Work Education, to restore or enhance social functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, or communities through:

- (i) Assessment;
- (ii) Planning;
- (iii) Intervention;
- (iv) Evaluation of intervention plans;
- (v) Case management;
- (vi) Information and referral;
- (vii) Counseling that does not include diagnosis or treatment of behavioral health disorders;
- (viii) Advocacy;
- (ix) Consultation;
- (x) Education;

- (xi) Research;
- (xii) Community organization;
- (xiii) Development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities; or
- (xiv) Supervision of other social workers as set forth in regulations.

On December 20, 2023, a Case Resolution Conference ("CRC") was held before a committee of the Board. As a resolution of this matter, the Respondent agreed to enter 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:

I. Background

1. On or about May 3, 2007, the Board issued the Respondent a license to practice clinical social work ("LCSW-C") in the State of Maryland, license number 13486.
2. On or around December 8, 2022, the Respondent signed a voluntary Surrender of License to Practice as a Licensed Certified Social Worker - Clinical ("Letter of Surrender") in the State of Maryland to resolve Board disciplinary charges against her.
3. The Board accepted and signed the Letter of Surrender on January 13, 2023.

The Letter of Surrender includes the following:

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.

4. At all relevant times, the Respondent was licensed to practice social work in the state of Delaware and practiced as a solo practitioner.

II. The Complaint

5. On or around February 15, 2023, the Board received a written complaint (the “Complaint”) from a former client¹ of the Respondent (the “Complainant”) which alleged that the Respondent was continuing to practice social work in Maryland without a license and in violation of the Letter of Surrender.

6. The Complaint included emails dated February 14, 2023, where the Respondent stated that she was accepting new clients and scheduled an in-person session for March 24, 2023, in Delmar, Maryland.

7. Based on the Complaint, the Board conducted an investigation of the Respondent.

III. Board Investigative Findings

8. The Board’s investigation determined that after the Respondent surrendered her license to practice social work in Maryland, she continued to practice social work in Maryland when she treated three (3) clients (the “Three Clients”) and attempted to practice

¹ The names of individuals in this document are confidential.

social work with the Complainant.

9. On or about March 24, 2023, the Board notified the Respondent of the Complaint, and on or about April 12, 2023, the Board received a written response from the Respondent. The Respondent stated:

Following the voluntary surrender of my Maryland LCSW-C license, which became effective on January 13, 2023, I met in person with two or three Maryland residents at my Maryland office to terminate my patient-therapist relationship and to ensure that none of them caused self-harm or harm to others.

10. The Board subpoenaed and received treatment records for the Three Clients (“Client 1”, “Client 2”, and “Client 3”) which stated the following:

- a. The Respondent treated Client 1 from May 26, 2022, until March 1, 2023, including on January 20, 2023; January 27, 2023; and February 17, 2023.
- b. The Respondent treated Client 2 from September 20, 2018, until March 1, 2023, including on January 20, 2023; January 27, 2023; February 3, 2023; and February 17, 2023.
- c. The Respondent treated Client 3 from August 28, 2018, until March 4, 2023, including on January 20, 2023; January 27, 2023; and February 17, 2023.

11. On or about June 27, 2023, the Board conducted an under-oath interview with the Respondent where she admitted that after surrendering her Maryland license, she practiced social work in Maryland with the Three Clients.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent's actions, as described above, constitute violation of the following provisions of the Act: § 19-301(a), an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the

individual may practice social work in this State while representing oneself as a social worker; Health Occ. § 19-401(a), a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice social work in this State while representing oneself to be a social worker unless licensed by the Board; and Health Occ. § 19-402(1), unless authorized to practice social work under this title, a person not represent to the public that the person is a licensed social worker.

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that within **TWO (2) YEARS** of the execution of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of **SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7500)**, in monthly increments of \$312.50 and by certified check or money order, to the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol.).

04/8/2024



Date

Susan Coppage, LCSW-C
Board Chair
State Board of Social Work Examiners


State Board of Social Work Examiners

CONSENT


I, Amanda Bordwine aka Amanda Bordwine-Lieb, unlicensed, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have had an opportunity to consult with counsel on this matter. I have knowingly and voluntarily agreed to enter 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.
2. I am aware that I am entitled to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 19-312 (2021 Repl. Vol.) and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't, §§ 10-201 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol.).
3. I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusions of a formal evidentiary hearing in 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 precautions as provided by law. I am waiving those procedural and substantive processes.
4. I voluntarily enter into and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth herein as a resolution of the Charges against me. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and I waive my right to a full evidentiary hearing, as set forth above, and any right to appeal this Consent Order or any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.
5. I acknowledge that any failure to abide by the conditions set forth in this Consent Order, I may be subject further disciplinary actions, including up to revocation of my license to practice as a social worker.
6. I sign this Consent Order voluntarily, without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Order.

3-28-24
Date


Amanda Bordwine aka Amanda Bordwine-Lieb



 3/28/2024
Milton Glen Catlin
Wicomico County MD
Commission Expires
January 4th 2025

Notary 3-28-24

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

COUNTY OF Wicomico

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29 day of March 2024,

before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared

Amanda Bordwine aka Amanda Bordwine-Lieb, and gave oath in due form of law that

the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.

Milton Catlin

Notary Public



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