

**IN THE MATTER OF**

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**BEFORE THE**

**CANDICE TISDALE-CORNISH**

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**MARYLAND BOARD**

**CASE NO.: 2017-2386**

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**LIC. NO.: 13576**

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**OF SOCIAL WORK**

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**EXAMINERS**

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**ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT**

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

On July 13, 2018 the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the “Board”) issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke to Candice Tisdale-Cornish (the “Respondent”) for violating portions of the Maryland Social Workers Act (the “Act”) codified at Maryland Code Annotated Health Occupations (“Md. Code Ann. H.O.”) §§ 19-101 *et seq.* The Board issued the Notice of Intent to Revoke after learning the Respondent entered a guilty plea to one (1) count of Felony Medicaid Fraud in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Specifically the Board charged the Respondent with violating the following relevant portions of the Act:

*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:*

- (2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;...*
- (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;*

*(7) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;...*

*(11) Makes or files a false report or record in the practice of social work;...*

*(13) Submits a false statement to collect a fee; [...]*

The Board also charged the Respondent for violating the following portion of the Board's regulations located at Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 10.42.03

*.03 Responsibilities to Client.*

*B. The licensee may not:*

*(1) Participate or condone dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;*

The Board placed the Respondent on notice that if the Respondent wished to request a hearing before the Board, the Respondent must do so in writing. The Respondent did not request a hearing to contest the alleged violations of the Act.

On September 18, 2018 with the Respondent having failed to request a hearing, the Board revoked the Respondent's license and issued a Final Order of Revocation.

On February 13, 2026 the Board met to consider the Respondent's written request and application for reinstatement of their license.

## **II. CONSIDERATION OF REINSTATEMENT REQUEST**

Pursuant to § 19-314 the Board may reinstate a license after revocation if the terms and conditions of the revocation were satisfied *or* the Board issues an Order reinstating the license.

The Respondent's original Order of Revocation did not contain any special terms or conditions. Therefore, the Board must consider whether it would be appropriate to deny the Respondent's petition for reinstatement viewing the Respondent's petition through the Board's stated purpose in § 19-102 of protecting the public by setting standards for the licensing of individuals to practice social work as well as promoting and maintaining high professional standards for the practice of social work. Therefore, the Board must review the Respondent's petition and any supporting documents with an eye to whether reinstatement would pose a danger to the public.

In support of the request to reinstate, the Respondent provided a personal statement, an official record of expungement, confirmation of removal from the Office of Inspector General Exclusion List, four (4) character references and supporting documentation of volunteer activity.

The Board places great weight on the Respondent's candor in her personal statement and willingness to accept responsibility for the actions that led to their conviction. The Board also places weight in the fact that the State of Maryland and Office of the Inspector General have expunged the conviction itself as well as the Respondent's presence on the Medicaid exclusion list. The Board finds that the Respondent has paid a heavy price for their mistakes in the seven intervening years and accepted responsibility for their actions.

Accordingly, the Board concludes that the Respondent is suitable for reinstatement of her license to practice as a LCSW-C. The Board finds that the Respondent's revocation lasted seven years, therefore the Respondent should be required to satisfy the criteria of a licensee seeking reissuance of their license under § 19-309(d).

### **III. ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice as an LCSW-C in the State of Maryland is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's license to practice as an LCSW-C in the State of Maryland is **REINSTATED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS**:

**PRIOR TO REINSTATEMENT** the Respondent **SHALL** provide proof she has satisfied the criteria for reissuance pursuant to Health Occupations § 19-309(d) including, but not limited to, passing the respective examination required for initial licensure; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.).

3/13/2026

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Date



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Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C  
Chair  
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners