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Board of Social Work Examiners

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
Rebecca A. Julian Cook, LCSW-C	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD
Respondent	*	OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
License Number: 13638	*	Board Case Number: 2019- 2698

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PRE – CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

Rebecca A. Julian Cook was included in a Post Renewal Continuing Education Audit conducted by the Maryland Board of Social Examiners (“the Board”) on licenses requiring renewal by October 31, 2017. As a condition of continue licensure, licensed social workers are required to obtain forty (40) credit hours of Continuing Education Units (“CEU”) every two years in programs and categories approved by the Board, in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 19-309(d)(3)(ii) and COMAR 10.42.06.03. The CEU's may all be in Category I but may not consist of more than twenty CEU's in Category II. A minimum of three CEU's, of the required forty CEU'S shall focus on ethics and professional conduct, including boundary issues.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Ms. Cook for violations of the Maryland Social Workers Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 19-101 et seq., the Board voted to resolve this matter by way of a Pre-Charge Consent Order. As a result, the Board and Ms. Cook agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, Ms. Cook was licensed to practice social work in Maryland, License No. 13638. Ms. Cook was first licensed by the Board on September 28, 2007, and her license is set to expire on October 31, 2019.
2. All licensees are required to sign a statement on the renewal application attesting to having completed this requirement.
3. On January 4, 2018, Ms. Cook was mailed a letter from the Association of Social Work Boards ("ASWB") on behalf of the Board stating that she was randomly chosen as part of a Post Renewal Continuing Education Audit. This letter requested that Respondent supply continuing education documentation within thirty days of the letter.
4. A second letter, "2017 Post Renewal Audit- Problem Notice", was sent on January 25, 2018.
5. ASWB received written correspondence from you (Ms. Cook) dated January 26, 2018.
6. A third letter, "2017 Post Renewal Audit-Problem Notice" was sent on February 28, 2018 stating her audit file will be forwarded to the Board.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Ms. Cook is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. § Health Occ. § 19-311 (6) and COMAR 10.42.06.03.

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, it is this 11th day of October, 2019, hereby:

ORDERED that Ms. Cook's license shall be **REPRIMANDED**; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cook pay a fine of \$500;

ORDERED that Ms. Cook will automatically be audited during the next licensing renewal cycles.

ORDERED that Ms. Cook will complete the outstanding 20.0 category I CEUs

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

12/13/2019

Date



Sherryl Silberman, LCSW-C
Board Chair
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter In lieu of formal charges, which process would have afforded me the right to a full evidentiary hearing. I consent and submit to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as if made after a full evidentiary hearing in which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law.
2. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge that this is a formal order of the Board and as such is a public document.
4. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter into and enforce this Consent Order.
5. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

Nov. 25, 2019

Date



Rebecca Julian Cook, LCSW-C

STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY/CITY OF Queen Annes / Centreville :

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of November, 2019, before me a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared Rebecca Julian Cook, LCSW-C , and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.



Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 3, 2021