

Erica Ellis, LGSW \* BEFORE THE  
Respondent \* MARYLAND STATE BOARD  
License Number: G 11927 \* OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
\* Board Case Number: 16-2285

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**PRE – CHARGE CONSENT ORDER**

**Background**

Erica Ellis, LGSW 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. Ellis 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. Ellis agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

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.

May 9, 2018

Date

Erica Ellis, LGSW

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**ORDER**

Based on an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, it is this 12th day of May, 2017, hereby:

**ORDERED** that Respondent's license shall be **REPRIMANDED**;

**ORDERED** Ms. Ellis shall pay a fine of \$500.00;

**ORDERED** that Ms. Ellis will automatically be audited during the next two Licensing renewal cycles.

**ORDERED** that Ms. Ellis will complete the outstanding 9 Category I and II CEUs, which include 3.0 Category I CEUs in Ethics, within 180 days from the date of this Pre Charge Consent Order.

**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, General Provisions Article, Section 4-101 through 4-601 (Repl. Vol. 2014).

5/15/2018



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Date

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Denise Capaci, LCSW-C  
Board Chair  
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY/CITY OF Prince George's :

I hereby certify that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, before me a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared Erica Ellis, LGSW, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.



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Notary Public

My commission expires: Sep 13, 2020

