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IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE MARYLAND**
ROBIN HANDY, LMSW * **STATE BOARD OF**
RESPONDENT * **SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**
License Number: 23461 * **Case Numbers: 2024-3641**
2024-3644

CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND PROBATION

On February 17, 2026 the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the “Board”) issued Charges Under the Maryland Social Workers Practice Act (the “Charges”) against Robin Handy, LMSW (the “Respondent”) in connection with cases 2024-3641 and 2024-3644. Both cases concerned the same set of facts.

On March 26, 2026 the Respondent participated in a post-charge Case Resolution Conference (the “CRC”). Two members of the Board were present to represent the Board and the Administrative Prosecutor was present on behalf of the State.

At the CRC the Respondent agreed to the settlement offer.. Accordingly, the Board and the Respondent have entered into the following Consent Order Reprimand and Probation (the “Consent Order”) to resolve both disciplinary cases before the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT WITH RESPECT TO BOTH CASES

1. On November 28, 2017 the Board issued the Respondent a license to practice social work under license number 23461. The Respondent’s license expired on October 31, 2024. The Respondent subsequently renewed her license on November 18, 2024.

2. Since 2022 the Respondent worked as a therapist at Facility 1¹ in Maryland providing mental health resources and/or assistance to clients. The Respondent was still employed at Facility 1 in 2024.
3. Between October 31, 2024 and November 18, 2024, while her license was expired, the Respondent treated approximately nine (9) clients at Facility 1.

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DISCUSSION

The Respondent treated nine patients while her license was expired. The Board's statute is clear that, with very limited exceptions, an individual must possess a license in order to practice social work in the State of Maryland. The Respondent neither met any of the exceptions laid out in H.O. §19-101(b) nor held a current license due to her license expiring on October 31, 2024.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to H.O. §19-311 and subject to the hearing provisions of H.O. §19-312, 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" commits any of the twenty-one actions listed in the statute.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Facts, the Board finds beyond a preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent violated the following portions of the Practice Act:

H.O. §19-311

¹ The names of businesses and individuals have been replaced with generic references to preserve and protect their privacy.

- (4) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct 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;

Based on the foregoing Findings of Facts, the Board finds beyond a preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent violated the following portions of the Board's statute:

H.O. §19-311

- (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; or
 - (2) Licensed as a certified social worker-clinical before the individual may practice clinical social work in this State.

ORDER

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice Social Work in the State of Maryland, Lic. No: 23461, is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent's license shall be placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**; and it is further

ORDERED that within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall provide documentary proof to the Board at the time of renewal of license that continuing education credits (CEU's) requirements have been met; and it is further

ORDERED that during the probationary period and upon gainful employment as a social worker, the Respondent shall meet at least once a month, with a Board-approved supervisor at the Respondent's expense. At these meetings, the supervisor shall choose a random sample of at least ten (10) of the Respondent's active cases to review. The

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supervisor shall review the charts to determine the Respondent's compliance with documentation and record keeping standards; and it is further

ORDERED that the supervisor shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board, which shall include but not be limited to the number and type of cases reviewed, issues discussed and his/her assessment of the Respondent's compliance with documentation and record keeping standards; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for requesting the probation supervisor submits the required documentation to the Board in a timely manner; and it is further

ORDERED that the Board has sole authority to implement any changes in supervision and retains all authority to approve any changes in supervision; and it is further

ORDERED that in the event the Respondent's probation supervisor terminates or discontinues the probation supervision for any reason, the Respondent shall immediately notify the in writing and collaborate with the Board to find a suitable replacement; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall seek the Board's preapproval for any and all coursework required under this Order by contacting the Board's Director of Compliance; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent **SHALL NOT** serve or attempt to serve as a Board approved supervisor pursuant to COMAR 10.42.07 *et seq.*, Board authorized sponsor, presenter and/or trainer of social work continuing education learning activities, an ethics tutor or an evaluator for the Board while suspended **OR** during the period of probation and that doing so, **SHALL** constitute a violation of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that after a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**, the Respondent may petition the Board in writing to terminate the probation in this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent may be required to appear before the Board or a committee of the Board to discuss the petition to terminate the probation; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall not be eligible to terminate the probation in this Order if there are either pending complaints involving similar violations found in these cases before the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Board determines, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing if there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact or a show cause hearing before the Board if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, that the

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Respondent has failed to comply with any terms or condition of probation or this Consent Order, the Board may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, impose a civil monetary fine upon the Respondent, or suspend or revoke the Respondent's license to practice social work in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for any and all costs associated with complying with this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Ann. Code. Gen. Prov. §4-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.).

CONSENT

By this Consent, I acknowledge that I have read this Consent Order in its entirety and I hereby admit the truth of the Findings of Fact, and accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to legal counsel authorized to practice law in Maryland, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to request subpoenas for witnesses, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to introduce testimony and evidence on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I waive these rights, as well as any appeal rights under Maryland Code Annotated, State Government Article § 10-222.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with an attorney, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Consent Order.

5/13/26
Date


Robin Handy, LIC. NO. 23461

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF MARYLAND CITY/COUNTY of Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 13 day of May, 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, **ROBIN HANDY** personally appeared, and declared and affirmed under penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Chloe Braun
Notary Public

CHLOE MARIE BRAUN
NOTARY PUBLIC
BALTIMORE CITY COUNTY
MARYLAND
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11/18/2028

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My Commission Expires:

11-18-2028

May 20, 2026

Date

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Kevin Meenan" followed by the text "LCSW-C" in a smaller, sans-serif font.

Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C, Board Chair
MD board of social Work Examiners