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Board of Social Work Examiners

Date: 3-29-2021

Gerard Farrell, Board Chair
State Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of Social Work License
License Number: 22634
Case Number: 2019-2623

Dear Mr. Farrell and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland, License Number: 22634 effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice social work, with or without compensation, or otherwise engage in the practice of social work in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations. ("Health Occ.") §§ 19-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.) and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**, and, on the Board's, acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my license by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board"). The results of the investigation led the Board to issue disciplinary charges against me on or about January 22, 2021, under Case Number: 19-2623.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges now pending before the Board. I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of this matter and issued disciplinary charges against me under the Act.

After its investigation, the Board charged me with violating the following:
Health. Occ. §§ 19-311:

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- (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;
- (11) Makes or files a false report or record in the practice of social work;
- (13) Submits a false statement to collect a fee [and]
- (20) Fails to maintain adequate patient records[.]

Health Occ. § 19-401. Practicing without a License.

- (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.

Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") 10.42.03:

.03 Responsibilities to Clients.

B. The licensee may not:

- (1) Participate or condone dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

.06 Standards of Practice.

A. Professional Competence. The licensee shall:

- (7) Document and maintain appropriate and accurate records of professional service, supervision, and research work[.]

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I also acknowledge that the State that the Board issued Charges Under the Maryland Social Workers Act ("Charging Document"), because of my conduct as a licensed master social worker, as set forth in Charging Document that is attached hereto and incorporated herein as (Exhibit A).

I wish to make clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the aforementioned charges under the Act. I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the State would be able to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that I violated the Act as charged. I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to my licensure, the Board's investigative findings will be treated as if proven.

I understand that the Board will advise the National Practitioners' Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender, and in any response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action under the Act. I also understand that in the event I would apply for license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative documents including the Notice of Intent to Revoke may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt., § 10-611 et seq., (2014 Repl. Vol & 2020 Supp.), and that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right to contest the charges in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

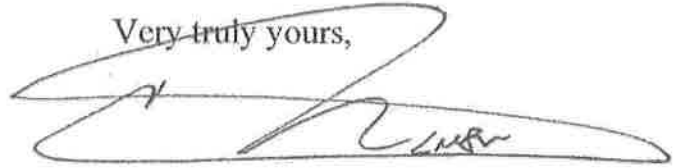
I affirm that on or before the date of Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender, I will provide to Board staff my social work licenses. If I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland social license, the Board has full discretion to grant or deny my reinstatement. If the Board does grant reinstatement, it may impose any terms and conditions the Board considers appropriate for public safety and the protection of the integrity and reputation of the profession. I understand that when applying for reinstatement, I will approach the Board in the same posture as one whose license has been revoked. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement, I bear the burden of demonstrating my professional competence and fitness to practice pharmacy to the satisfaction of the Board. If the Board denies my application for reinstatement of my license, I do not have the right to a hearing or to appeal the Board's decision.

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I understand that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been advised of my right to be represented by the attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board, including the right to counsel with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I voluntarily choose to surrender my Maryland license to practice social work pursuant to the terms and conditions set out herein. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,



Christopher Maith Sr., LMSW

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF

Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14th day of April, 2021 before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared, **CHRISTOPHER MAITH, SR., LMSW**, License Number: 22634 and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 12/6/21

Priscilla Bule
Notary Public
State of Maryland
My Commission Expires 12/06/2021

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ACCEPTANCE

On this 29 day of April, 2021, I, Gerard Farrell, Board Chair, on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners, accept the **SURRENDER** of the license of **Christopher Maith Sr.**, to practice social work in the State of Maryland.



Gerard Farrell, Board Chair
Maryland State Board of Social Work
Examiners