

Lauren Mroz, LGSW

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Board of Social
Work Examiners

Date: 11/15/17

Denise Capaci, LCSW-C, Chair
Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of License
License Number: 15977
Case Number: 2016-2202

Dear Dr. Capaci and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice graduate social work in the State of Maryland, License Number 15977, effective immediately upon the Board's acceptance of this letter. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice graduate social work in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II ("Health Occ.") §§ 19-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol.) 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 acceptance of the Board, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice graduate social work in the State of Maryland in lieu of disciplinary action by the Board in this case. I acknowledge that the investigation substantiated that my conduct constituted violations of the Act, specifically:

1. From approximately April 2015 to August 2015, I practiced social work in the State of Maryland after my license had expired, thereby engaging in unauthorized practice, in violation of: Health Occ. § 19-311(6) ("Violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board"); and Health Occ. § 19-301 ("...Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be...licensed by the Board before the individual may practice social work in this State while representing oneself as a social worker...");

2. During the same approximate time frame, I failed to properly backup and maintain visitation logs of supervised family visitations for a period of five months, in violation of Health Occ. § 19-311(20) ("Fails to maintain adequate patient records"); and
3. During the same approximate time frame, I practiced social work without a required supervisor, in violation of: Health Occ. § 19-311 ("Violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board"); Health Occ. 19-307(c)(2)(iv) ("A licensed graduate social worker may not...engage in private practice without the direct supervision of a licensed certified social worker-clinical."); and Md. Code Regs. 10.42.01.04C ("A licensed graduate social worker ... may not engage in the independent practice of social work.").

I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would submit evidence to support the above allegations. I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to licensure, those allegations will be treated as if proven.

I understand that the Board may advise appropriate entities I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative documents 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., Gen Prov., § 4-101 *et seq.*, (2014), and that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

Upon the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my original Maryland graduate social work license number 15977, my most recent renewal card, and any other official indicia of licensure.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I recognize that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license in Maryland will remain surrendered for at least one (1) year, and that I shall not reapply for a license to practice as a social worker in the State of Maryland during that time period.

After one year from the effective date of this letter, I understand that I may apply for reinstatement of my license under the regulations adopted by the Board at Md. Code Regs. 10.42.04.09. If the Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement, the decision whether to grant reinstatement shall be at the Board's sole discretion.

I have been advised of my right to consult with counsel before signing this Letter of Surrender. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,



Lauren Mroz, LGSW

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11/16/17
Notary Public*

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of November 2017,
before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appear
Lauren Mroz, LGSW, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that
signing the foregoing Permanent Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNE  and Notarial seal.



Notary Public

My Commission expires 3/21/2021

BOARD ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, on this 3rd day
of November, I, Denise Capaci, LCSW-C, Board Chair, accept Lauren Mroz's
SURRENDER of her license to practice graduate social work in the State of Maryland.

11/3/2017 

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