

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
THOMAS MUMAW, LSWA * MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF
License No.: A01666 * SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Respondent * Case Number: 780

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ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

On September 16, 2005, Thomas Mumaw, LSWA, License Number A01666 (the "Respondent") entered into a Final Consent Order (the "Order") with the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board"). The Order stated that Respondent had violated Maryland Health Occ. Code Ann. ("HO") § 19-311(2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (12), (21) and HO § 19-101(i)(1) and (2), as well as Code Md. Regs. tit. 10 § 42.03.03A(5) and B(1) and (2).

The Order placed Respondent's social work license on suspension for a period of six (6) months. The Order provided that there would be no automatic termination of suspension after six months, and that Respondent must petition the Board to lift the suspension.

The conditions precedent to the Board terminating the suspension were that Respondent shall submit to the Board for approval the names and curriculum vitae of a supervisor and an ethics tutor. Subsequently, the Board approved and Respondent engaged the services of Jennifer Pettis, LCSW-C and Paul Ephross, Ph.D., LCSW-C.

Respondent has complied with the conditions of the Order and, on December 17, 2008, petitioned the Board to terminate his suspension and to

reinstate his license in order that he may begin his probation, which is two (2) years in duration, pursuant to the Order. The conditions of probation, as delineated in the Order dated September 16, 2005, include weekly meetings with his supervisor, who must provide quarterly reports to the Board, and successful completion of an individual ethics tutorial. Respondent has successfully completed an ethics tutorial with Dr. Ephross.

Therefore, it is this 13 day of February, 2009, by a majority of the full authorized membership of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, hereby

ORDERED that the suspension of the Maryland social work license of Thomas Mumaw, LSWA is **LIFTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Mumaw's Maryland social work license is placed on **PROBATION** for a period of **two (2) years** pursuant to the conditions and requirements of the Final Consent Order dated September 16, 2005; and it is further

ORDERED that in the event that the Board finds for any reason in good faith that Mr. Mumaw has violated the Maryland Social Workers Act, Maryland Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2005 Repl. Vol. & 2007 Supp.), or if Mr. Mumaw violates this Order Lifting Suspension by violating any of the conditions of probation as articulated in the Final Consent Order dated September 16, 2005, the Board, after notification to the Respondent, and an opportunity for a hearing, may take immediate action and may impose any lawful disciplinary sanctions it deems appropriate, including but not limited to revocation

or suspension of Mr. Mumaw's social work license. The burden of proof for any action brought against Mr. Mumaw as a result of a breach of the conditions of this Order Lifting Suspension or the Final Consent Order dated September 16, 2005 shall be on Mr. Mumaw to demonstrate compliance with said orders; and it is further

ORDERED that the terms and conditions of the Final Consent Order dated September 16, 2005 **remain in full force and effect**. Specifically, during Mr. Mumaw's probation, his practice will be supervised as outlined in the Final Consent Order dated September 16, 2005; and it is further

ORDERED that the conditions and prerequisites for termination of probation as outlined in the Final Consent Order dated September 16, 2005 are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect; and it is further

ORDERED that, at the end of the 2-year probationary period, Mr. Mumaw may petition the Board in writing for his license to be reinstated without conditions or restrictions. If Mr. Mumaw is able to demonstrate full compliance with the conditions of probation as outlined in the Final Consent Order and this Order Lifting Suspension to the Board's satisfaction, and there are no outstanding complaints pending against Mr. Mumaw with the Board, then the Board shall terminate the probation; otherwise, the probation shall continue; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Mumaw shall practice social work in accordance with the Maryland Social Workers Act, in a safe and competent manner, and shall

refrain from engaging in the type of activity that led to this disciplinary action.

Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this Order Lifting Suspension; and it is further

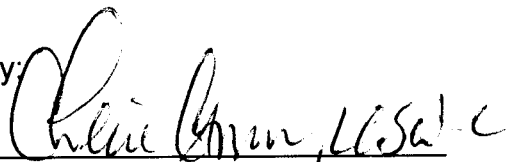
ORDERED that any violation of this Order Lifting Suspension shall constitute unprofessional conduct; and it is further

ORDERED that for purposes of public disclosure, as permitted by Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-617(h) (2004 Repl. Vol. & 2008 Supp.), this document is an order resulting from formal disciplinary action; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order Lifting Suspension is a final order of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners and, as such, a Public Document and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated to report, and is disclosable under the Maryland Public Information Act, Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 *et seq.* (2004 Repl. Vol. & 2008 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this Order Lifting Suspension shall be effective as of the date that it is signed by the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13 DAY OF Feb,
2009.

By: 
Cherie Cannon, LCSW-C
Chair
Maryland Board of
Social Work Examiners