

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND
Laura Schuman Prosen, LCSW-C * MARYLAND STATE BOARD
RESPONDNET * OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
License Number: 09621 * Case Number: 2022-3183

PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

Laura Prosen, LCSW-C 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, 2023. 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 program 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’ shall focus on ethics and professional conduct, including boundary issues.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Ms. Prosen 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. Prosen agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, Ms. Prosen was licensed to practice social work in Maryland, License No. 09621. Ms. Prosen was first licensed by the Board on November 6, 1997, and her license is set to expire on October 31, 2023.
2. All licensees are required to sign a statement on the renewal application attesting to having completed this requirement.
3. Ms. Prosen was chosen to be included in the Board's audit for the renewal period from November 1, 2017, to October 31, 2019. On January 8, 2020, Ms. Prosen was sent an initial notice, "2020 Post Renewal Continuing Education Audit", by the Association of Social Work Boards. The letter requested that the required continuing education documentation be submitted by February 7, 2020.

A second letter, "2019 Post Renewal Audit" was sent on February 27, 2020.

A third letter, "2019 Post Renewal Audit Problem" notice was sent on March 18, 2020.
4. Ms. Prosen held an active license during the time period outlined in this audit and is required to submit all continuing education documentation. In addition, she renewed her LCSW-C license on 8/30/2021 for the period November 1, 2021, to October 31, 2023.
5. A review of Laura S. Prosen's CEU certificates by the Board's Continuing Education Office revealed that she earned 18.0 category I, 0 ethics, and 0 category II continuing

Education Units. Therefore, Ms. Prosen did not meet the requirements.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Ms. Prosen is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. § Health Occ. § 19-311 (6) and COMAR 10.42.06.03.

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, it is this 22nd day of June, 2023, hereby:

ORDERED that Ms. Prosen license shall be REPRIMANDED; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Prosen will automatically be audit during the next two licensing renewal Cycles (2023 and 2025).

ORDERED that Ms. Prosen will pay a fine of \$1000

ORDERED that Ms. Prosen complete the outstanding 22.0 category I CEUs which include 2.0 category I CEUs and 20.0 category I or category II including 3.0 Ethics within 120 days from the date of this PCCO submit copies of the CEU certificates to the Board.

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, State Government Articles, Section 10-617(h).



6/22/2023

Date

Sondra Petty, LCSW-C, Board Chair

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Board of Social Work Examiners

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 the legal authority and the jurisdiction 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 before 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.

6-5-23
Date

Laura Prosen, LCSW-C
Laura S. Prosen, LCSW-C

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Montgomery :

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of June 2023,

2023 before me a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared Laura S. Prosen, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

Catherine Varney Russo
Notary Public

2/22/27
My commission expires:

