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LaVaughn M. Turner, LCSW-C	*	BEFORE THE
Respondent	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD
License Number: 11017	*	OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
	*	Board Case Number: 2018-2543



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PRE – CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

LaVaughn M. Turner, 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, 2016. 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 programs 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’S shall focus on ethics and professional conduct, including boundary issues.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Mr. Turner 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 Mr. Turner agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Turner was licensed to practice social work in Maryland, License No. 11017. LaVaughn Turner, LCSW-C was first licensed by the Board on December 5, 2000, and his license was set to expire on October 31, 2016.
2. All licensees are required to sign a statement on the renewal application attesting to having completed this requirement.
3. On January 4, 2017, Mr. Turner was mailed a letter from the Association of Social Work Boards ("ASWB") on behalf of the Board stating that he was randomly chosen as part of a Post Renewal Continuing Education Audit. This letter requested that Respondent supply continuing education documentation within thirty days of the letter.
4. A second letter, "2016 Post Renewal Audit-Problem Notice" was sent February 7, 2017. Letter dated February 20, 2017 was received stating Mr. Turner was unable to retrieve his continuing education records.
5. A third letter, "2016 Post Renewal Audit-Problem Notice" was sent on February 24, 2017 stating his explanation was received and documented and his audit file will be forwarded to the Board.
6. The audit revealed that the Board never received Continuing Education Units from Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner held an active license during the time period outlined in his audit and is required to submit all continuing education documentation. In addition, he renewed his LCSW-C license on 10/31/2016 for the period from November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2018.

7. Since CEU documentation was not received by the Board, Mr. Turner did not meet the continuing education requirements and failed the audit.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Mr. Turner 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 14th day of September, 2018, hereby:

ORDERED that Respondent's license shall be **REPRIMANDED**;

ORDERED Mr. Turner shall pay a fine of \$1500.00;

ORDERED that Mr. Turner will automatically be audited during the next two licensing renewal cycles.

ORDERED that Mr. Turner will complete the outstanding 40 Category I and II CEUs, which include 3.0 Category I CEUs in Ethics, within 180 days from the date of this Pre Charge Consent Order.

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, General Provisions Article, Section 4-101 through 4-601 (Repl. Vol. 2014).

02/19/2019

Sherryl L. Silberman LCSW-C

Date

Sherryl Silberman, LCSW-C
Board Chair
Maryland 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 that this is a formal order 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 enforce 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.

02/11/2019 LM Turner

Date

LaVaughn M. Turner, LCSW-C

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Prince George :

I hereby certify that on this 11 day of February, 2019, before me a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared LaVaughn M. Turner, LCSW-C, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

[Signature]

Notary Public

My commission expires: 09/22/22

LILIAN S. CASTANEDA
Notary Public-Maryland
Prince George's County
My Commission Expires
September 22, 2022