

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE
TANYA DENISE BOWSER	*	BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION
APPLICANT	*	OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE
CASE NUMBER: 18-005	*	PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS

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CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND

On or about October 18, 2017, Tanya Denise Bowser (the “Applicant”) submitted an initial certification application for Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioner to the Maryland Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals (the “Board”). Upon completion of a criminal history record check as required by Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. Article (“H.O.”) § 20-302, the Board discovered that the Applicant had a criminal history and the Board initiated an investigation. Based on information received by the Board during the investigation, the Board requested that the Applicant submit a narrative explanation of her criminal history. On January 23, 2018, the Applicant submitted to the Board a narrative statement and subsequently provided supporting documentation regarding her arrests, charges, and convictions.

Based upon the Applicant’s certification application, the court documents acquired during the Board’s investigation, and the Applicant’s narrative statement, the Board voted to offer a Consent Order of Reprimand to the Applicant, in lieu of issuing Charges for violations of the Maryland Residential Child Care Program Professionals Act (the “Act”), H.O. § 20-101 *et seq.* Specifically, the Board finds that the Applicant appears to have violated H.O. §§ 20-313(b)(4) (“Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside”).

As a result of that offer, the Applicant and the Board agreed to the following Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. On or about October 18, 2017, the Applicant submitted to the Board an initial certification application for Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioner (the “Application”).
2. On the Application, the Applicant answered “YES” to Question 4: “Have you pled guilty, to, [sic] nolo contendere, been convicted of, or received probation before judgment for any criminal act (excluding misdemeanor traffic violations)?”
3. Court records obtained by the Board show that in or about October 2015, the Applicant was arrested and charged with felony forgery, misdemeanor theft of less than \$1,000.00, and misdemeanor theft of less than \$100.00. On or about August 16, 2016, in the Circuit Court for Queen Anne’s County, the Applicant pled guilty to and was convicted of misdemeanor theft of less than \$1,000.00, a crime of moral turpitude. The Applicant was sentenced to 18 months incarceration with 18 months suspended and 24 months supervised probation. The Applicant was also ordered to pay restitution, court costs and fines.
4. On or about January 23, 2018, in response to a request from the Board, the Applicant submitted a narrative addressing her criminal history. The Applicant stated that in April 2015, while assisting a home health client, the client asked the Applicant to cash a check for her at the client’s bank and return with the client’s cash and a deposit slip. The Applicant stated that when she returned to the client that evening with the cash and deposit slip, the client “stated that she did not remember asking [the Applicant] to do the banking for her.” The Applicant explained that on the day in question, the client “had taken a lot of medication and was sort of not herself.”

The Applicant stated that she did not discover until October 2015, that charges had been filed against her in connection with the incident and a warrant issued for her arrest.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Applicant violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 20-313(b):

- (6) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the request by the Applicant for certification to practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

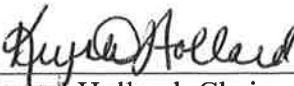
ORDERED that the Board shall **ISSUE** to the Applicant a certification to practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the certification of the Applicant to practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant shall comply with the Maryland Residential Child Care Program Professionals Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 20-101 *et seq.*, and all federal and State laws and regulations governing the practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that this document is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** under Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101, *et seq.*

10/12/15
Date



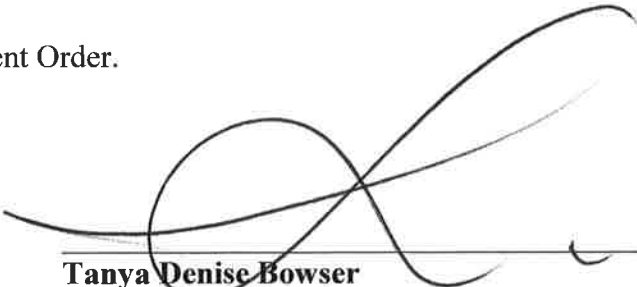
Krystal Holland, Chair
Maryland State Board for the Certification of Residential
Child Care Program Professionals

CONSENT

By this Consent, I acknowledge that I have read this Consent Order in its entirety and I hereby admit the truth of the Findings of Fact and accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to legal counsel authorized to practice law in Maryland, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to request subpoenas for witnesses, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to introduce testimony and evidence on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I waive these rights, as well as any appeal rights under Maryland Code Annotated, State Government Article § 10-222.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with an attorney, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Consent Order.

9/28/18
Date



Tanya Denise Bowser

NOTARIZATION

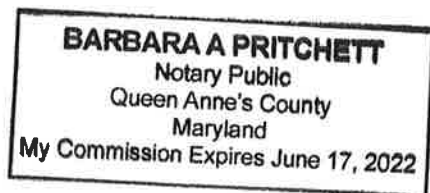
STATE: Maryland

CITY/COUNTY: Queen Anne's

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28 day of September, 2018, before me,
a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Tanya Denise
Bowser** and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order of
Reprimand was the voluntary act and deed of **Tanya Denise Bowser**.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and Notarial Seal.

SEAL





Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 17, 2022