IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE

JEFFREY GOLDBERG

* BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

LICENSE NUMBER: #14411

EXAMINERS

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Board Social Work Examines

CONSENT ORDER

Background

On October 28, 2014, the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") received information concerning Jeffrey Goldberg, LCSW-C, regarding the illegal purchase of drugs from a client ("Client A") and drug abuse. The Board subsequently opened an investigation in this matter.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Mr. Goldberg 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. The Respondent and the Board subsequently agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

- 1. On or about October 28, 2014, the Board initiated an investigation into Jeffrey Goldberg's practice of social work stemming from a complaint involving the illegal purchase of drugs and alleged drug abuse.
- 2. According to the complaint, the Respondent purchased 15 (30 mg) Percocet pills from former Client A. In the course of its investigation, including an interview of the licensee, the Board established that the Respondent purchased oxycodone from former Client A and from other drug dealers from 2011 to 2015.

- 3. The Board considers the Respondent's actions to amount to misconduct in the practice of social work and creating a dual relationship with a former client by engaging the former client in the buying of drugs for personal benefit and illegally obtaining controlled dangerous substances.
- 4. The Board finds that the Respondent's misconduct falls within category A(4), (5), (6) and (8) of the Board's sanctioning guidelines. See COMAR 10.42.09.04A(4), (5), (6) and (8). The range of potential sanctions under category A(4), (5), (6) and (8) is probation for one year to revocation. Id. The applicable range of potential monetary penalties is \$500 to \$5,000. Id.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent, Jeffrey Goldberg, is in violation of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 19-311(4), (5), (6), (8)(ii) and COMAR 10.42.03.03B(3), 10.42.03.05A, 10.42.03.06B(1)(a). These violations are based upon the fact that the Respondent engaged a former client in the buying of drugs and abused controlled dangerous substances.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this day of April, 2017 hereby:

ORDERED that Respondent shall maintain his enrollment with the Bergand Group, a licensed substance abuse treatment program where Respondent has been enrolled since February 2016, and participate in all therapeutic programs, and take all medications, as required by his treatment provider(s). If, during the implementation period of this Consent Order, Respondent

seeks to change or terminate his aftercare treatment programs, he shall first obtain permission of the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall continue to participate in grief counseling with Janet Will, RN, MS, with whom he has been in treatment since October, 2015, for as long as recommended by Ms. Will. If, during the implementation period of this Consent Order, Respondent seeks to change grief counselors or terminate grief counseling, he shall first obtain permission of the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall sign any written release/consent forms, and update them as required by the Board. Specifically, the Respondent shall sign any written release/consent forms required by the Board to authorize the aftercare program to provide verbal and written disclosures to the Board, including disclosures of any and all treatment program records and files, as well as confidential drug and alcohol abuse information about the Respondent. The Respondent shall also sign any written release/consent forms required by the treatment program to authorize the treatment program to exchange with outside entities (including all of the Respondent's current and past treatment providers and therapists) verbal and written information (including Respondent's confidential drug and alcohol abuse information); and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for assuring that any treatment provider(s) submit written reports to the Board and to the treatment program quarterly regarding attendance, progress, payment of fees, and recommendation as to the continuation, frequency, and/or termination of treatment. The Respondent shall sign any consent forms required to authorize the Board and the treatment program to receive written reports from any treatment providers; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall attend Narcotics Anonymous meetings if required by his treatment provider(s) and provide documentation of his attendance to the Board on a

monthly basis during his periods of required attendance; and it is further

ORDERED that during the first year of the implementation this Consent Order, the

Respondent shall submit to monthly, random, urinalysis as Directed by the Board. During the

second and third year of the implementation of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall submit

to quarterly, random urinalysis as directed by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall secure a Board certified supervisor ("Supervisor"),

who may be affiliated with the Bergand Group, who shall supply the Board with quarterly,

written reports on the Respondent's practice. The Respondent shall provide the supervisor with

a copy of this Pre-Charge Consent Order, and the Board may release to the Supervisor any

portion of the investigative file as is deemed necessary by the Board and/or Supervisor. The

Respondent shall consent to the Board communicating with the Supervisor. A negative report

from the Respondent's supervisor may result in a violation of this Consent Order and further

sanctions at the Board's discretion, after notice and upon request of a show cause hearing by the

Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT under Md. Code Ann., State

Gov't § 10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol.).

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Denise Capaci, LCSW-C, Chair

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Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners

CONSENT

I, Jeffrey Goldberg, acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel before signing this document.

I am aware that I am entitled to a formal evidentiary hearing before the Board or before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other procedural and substantive protections. I understand and agree that this Consent Order results from formal disciplinary action and it, therefore, a public document.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to abide by the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set forth herein as a resolution of this case based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I acknowledge and understand that the Board has entered into this Consent Order in lieu of proceeding with a formal evidentiary hearing. I waive any right to contest these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and I waive my right to a full evidentiary hearing as set forth above, and any right to appeal this Consent Order or any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order voluntarily, without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order, consisting of 6 pages.

8-23-17

Date

leffrey Goldberg

Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY of Raltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23 day of Ayrust, 2017, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

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