

IN THE MATTER OF

DEITRA BRYANT-MALLORY, LCSW-C

RESPONDENT

LICENSE NUMBER: 13673

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\* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

\* BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

\* EXAMINERS

\* CASE NUMBER: 20-2833

CONSENT ORDER

The Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") charged **Deitra Bryant-Mallory, LCSW-C**, License Number: **13673** (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Heath. Occ.") §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. & 2020 Supp.). Specifically, the Board charges the Respondent with violating the following:

**Health Occ. § 19-311. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations-Grounds.**

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

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- (4) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of social work;
- (5) Engages in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work;
- (6) Violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board[.]

Pursuant to Health Occ. § 19-311(6), the pertinent provisions of Md. Code Regs ("COMAR"), provide the following:

**10.42.03.06 Standards of Practice.**

A. Professional Competence. The licensee shall:

- (8) Represent accurately the licensee's professional qualifications[.]

**10.42.08.03 Requirements for a Board-Approved Social Work Supervisor.**

A. A social worker who intends to provide supervision to a licensed social worker for independent practice:

- (1) Shall apply to the Board for approval as a Board-approved supervisor; and
- (2) May continue to provide supervision without Board approval until January 1, 2021.

B. A social work supervisor of a licensed social worker who is pursuing advanced licensure shall be Board approved prior to commencing supervision.

**10.42.08.07 Responsibilities of a Supervisor.**

A. A social work supervisor shall be Board-approved before providing supervision to licensed social workers for advanced practice or independent practice.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice clinical social work in Maryland on or about October 29, 2007. The Respondent's license expires on or about October 31, 2022.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a social worker with a District of Columbia facility<sup>1</sup> (the "Facility"). The Respondent oversaw mental health programs for the Facility.

3. On or about June 23, 2020, the board received a complaint from a Board licensing supervisor (the Complainant").

4. The complaint alleged that the Respondent had provided supervision to a licensed masters-level social worker (LMSW) ("Social Worker") who was seeking advanced licensure.

5. In or around 2020, Social Worker submitted her application for advanced licensure to the Board along with documentation indicating that between February 2016 and October 2017 she completed had approximately fifty-five supervision hours with the Respondent.

6. After reviewing the Social Worker's application for advance licensure and her supervision documentation, the Complainant discovered that the Respondent was not a Board-approved Supervisor during the period that she provided supervision to Social Worker.

7. The Respondent did not become a Board-approved Supervisor until November 3, 2017.

8. On or about September 20, 2020, the Respondent was interviewed under oath by Board staff.

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<sup>1</sup> The names of the Complainant and the Social Worker have been omitted to protect privacy. The names provided to the Respondent upon request made to the Administrative Prosecutor.

9. The Respondent admitted during the interview that she did not become a Board-approved Supervisor until November 3, 2017. She also admitted that she provided supervision to Social Worker from February 2016 and October 2017.

10. During the interview, the Respondent also admitted that she was not aware that she was required to get approval from the Board before providing supervision to any licensed social worker who was pursuing advanced licensure.

11. The Respondent's conduct as set forth above is a violation of Health Occ. § 19-311 (4), (5), and (6); COMAR 10.42.03.06A(8); COMAR 10.42.08.03B; and COMAR 10.42.08.07A.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated Health Occ. §19-311 (4), (5), and (6); COMAR 10.42.03.06A(8); COMAR 10.42.08.03B; and COMAR 10.42.08.07A.

#### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by a majority of the Board considering this case:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall be **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that within six months of the execution of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of **TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1200)** by certified check or money order to the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners; and

it is further

**DEITRA BRYANT-MALLORY, LCSW-C**

I, **DEITRA BRYANT-MALLORY, LCSW-C** acknowledge that I have been represented by an attorney before entering into this Consent Order. By this Consent Order and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I waive any rights I may have to contest the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law. 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 counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. I sign this Consent Order, voluntarily and without reservation, after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order.

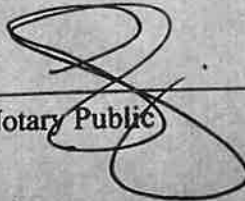
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Deitra Bryant-Mallory  
Deitra Bryant-Mallory, LCSW-C

**NOTARY**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8 day of March, 2022 before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared, **Deitra Bryant-Mallory, LCSW-C, License Number: 13673** and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

  
Notary Public



My Commission expires: 01/15/2023

Supervisor during for a period of five (5) years from the effective date of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Social Workers Act and all laws, statutes and regulations pertaining thereto; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing if there is a genuine dispute as to the underlying facts, or an opportunity for a show cause hearing, may impose any sanction which the Board may have imposed in this case, including probationary terms and conditions, a reprimand, suspension, revocation and/or a monetary penalty; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of her probation and this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 \$4-333 (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2022 Supp.).

3/3/2023

Date

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Sondra Petty, LSCW-C, LICSW  
Board Chair  
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiner