

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
Katherine C. Murphy, LMSW	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD
Respondent	*	OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
License Number: 17034	*	Board Case Number: 2021-3064

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**PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER**

**Background**

Katherine C. Murphy, LMSW was included in a Post Renewal Continuing Education Audit conducted by the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the “Board”) on licenses requiring renewal by October 31, 2019. 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. § 19-311 (6) and COMAR 10.42.06.07. 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 Ms. Murphy 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. Murphy agreed to resolve this matter set forth in this Consent Order.

**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 connect 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

6/28/2022  
Date

Katherine C. Murphy LMSW  
Katherine C. Murphy, LMSW

**ORDER**

Based on an affirmative voted of a majority of the Board, it is this 8th day of

July 2022, hereby,

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

**ORDERED** that Ms. Murphy will automatically be audited during the next licensing renewal cycle (2023 and 2025)

**ORDERED** that Ms. Murphy will pay a fine of \$1500 within 180 days

**ORDERED** that Ms. Murphy complete the outstanding 40.0 CEU's which include 20.0 category I CEUs and 3.0 category I or category II ethics

**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 Article, Section 10-607 (h)

7/8/2022

Date



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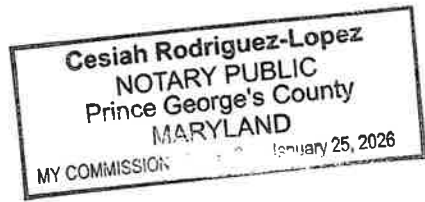
Karen Richards, MSW, LCSW-C  
Board Chair  
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY/CITY OF Prince George's

I hereby certify that on this 28<sup>th</sup> June day of County/City aforesaid, personally appeared Katherine C. Murphy, LMSW and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

  
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Notary Public



My commission expires January 25, 2026

### CONCLUSION OF LAW

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