

**BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**MARGARET ANDERSON
RT 1 BOX 66
RIPLEY, WV 25271
EXPIRED LICENSE NUMBER: AP00938627**

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Comes now Margaret J. Anderson and the West Virginia Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"), for the purpose of agreeing to disciplinary action which shall be taken against Ms. Anderson by the Board pursuant to West Virginia code §30-30-7(a)(5). As reflected in this document, the parties have reached an agreement concerning the proper disposition of this matter, and the Board approving such agreement, does hereby find and **ORDER** as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is a State entity created by West Virginia Code §30-30-1 et seq. and is empowered to regulate the practice of social work pursuant to West Virginia Code §30-30-7.
2. Margaret J. Anderson previously held license number AP00938627 as a social worker in the State of West Virginia.
3. Ms. Anderson allowed her license to expire on January 1, 1997 but continued to practice social work as a Protective Service Worker for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources without being duly licensed.
4. On December 10, 1999, the Board was notified that Ms. Anderson had continued to work as a Protective Service Worker without being duly licensed. The

discovery was made when the employer required evidence of current licensure for their employees and Ms. Anderson was unable to produce a current license.

5. On December 23, 1999 Ms. Anderson submitted an application for licensure and included a statement, which confirmed her “unintentional oversight” in failing to renew her license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. West Virginia Code §30-30-7(a)(5) states that “[t]he board may refuse to issue or renew a license, or may suspend or revoke an existing license....[if a social worker] [h]as failed to obtain a license renewal after expiration or revocation of same but has continued to represent that he or she is duly licensed hereunder.
2. As indicated in the Findings of Fact, Ms. Anderson violated section §30-30-7(a)(5) of the West Virginia Code.

CONSENT

Margaret J. Anderson, by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:


1. She acknowledges that she is aware of her option to pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court channels, but intelligently, knowingly and voluntarily waives her right to do so.
2. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her license to practice social work in the State of West Virginia.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Board hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. This Consent Agreement shall serve as a formal reprimand against Ms. Anderson, and, as such shall be reported to the national Disciplinary Action Reporting System of the Association of State Social Work Boards.
2. Pending approval of a social work license Ms. Anderson must obtain, as a part of the required fifty (50) hours of continuing education requirement, five (5) hours of continuing social work education in the area of social work ethics from a Board Certified Provider.
3. Ms. Anderson shall submit, with this signed Consent Agreement, verification of fifty (50) hours of continuing social work education obtained over the last two-year period.
4. Ms. Anderson will review the "Guidelines for Social Workers" which will be included with this document and return the document with her signature affixed which confirms she has read and thoroughly understands her responsibilities as a licensed social worker.
5. Pursuant to W VA Code §30-30-3.(e)(2), the Board will, within ninety days of this notice, report this violation to the Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County.

Entered this 23rd day of February, 2000.

 Margaret J. Anderson
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Rita M. Brown
Rita Brown, LSW, Chairman