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BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS,

Complainant,

v.

Case No. 9506JC07-03

JAMI L. CLARK, Licensed Social Worker License Number: AP00941975 Respondent.

### **CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

Comes now Jami L. Clark and the West Virginia Board of Social Work

Examiners (hereinafter "Board"), for the purpose of agreeing to disciplinary action which shall be taken against Jami L. Clark (hereinafter "Respondent") pursuant to the provisions of W. Va. Code § 30-30-1 et seq. and the Rules of the Board, 25 C.S.R. § 1 et seq. 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**

- That 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 W.
   Va. Code §30-30.
- That the Respondent currently holds license number AP00941975 as a social worker in the State of West Virginia.

- That Respondent offered fraudulent documentation to her employer, Unity Services, LLC regarding length of time spent with family clients that increased the income paid to Ms. Clark by Unity Services.
- That Respondent by her own admission, did reimburse Unity Services for a
  portion of payments made to her by Unity Services that resulted from irregular
  billing practices.
- 5. That Unity Services provided evidence that Respondent had falsified signature(s) of clients to service records in order to increase income.
- 6. That an investigation was conducted by the Board and probable cause was found that warrants disciplinary action.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. West Virginia Code §30-30-7(a)(6) 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 been found guilty by the board of unprofessional conduct in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board.
- As indicated in the Findings of Fact, Jami L. Clark has violated §30-30-7(a)(6) of the West Virginia Code.

# **CONSENT**

Jami Clark, by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

- 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.
- 3. This Consent Agreement shall serve as a formal disciplinary action against Ms. Clark, and, as such, pursuant to NPDB Laws and Regulations, Title IV of P.L. 99-660, the Health Care Quality and Improvement Act of 1986, shall be reported to the National Health Integrity Practitioner Data Bank (HIPDB) by the Association of Social Work Boards, the designated reporting agent for the WV Board of Social Work Examiners.

# <u>ORDER</u>

- The board hereby suspends license number AP00941975 issued to Jami L. Clark
  for a period of six (6) months effective from the date that this agreement is signed
  by all parties.
- 2. The board further orders that, upon reinstatement of said license, Ms. Clark will be required to obtain six (6) additional hours of continuing social work education specific to social work and professional Ethics within one year following the reinstatement of this license. A total of fifty-six (56) hours must be earned prior to expiration of her reinstated license in order to obtain a renewed certificate.

- Ms. Clark will offer written documentation from the West Virginia Board of Social Work Examiners approved provider that verifies completion of each ethics instruction workshop or program.
- 4. Ms. Clark will reimburse the WV Board of Social Work Examiners all legal and administrative expenses incurred by the Board in addition to appropriate license fee at the time of reinstatement.

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Respondent Signature:
Date: 9/22/07
Signature of Board Chair: Leta M. Brown
Date:
Entered into this the 11th day of October . 2007

BOARD SEAL