

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

John Bruce Deniker
119 Wood Street
Westernport, MD 21562

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Comes now John Bruce Deniker 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 Mr. Deniker by the board pursuant to West Virginia Code §30-30-7(6) and National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics section 4.04. 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. John Bruce Deniker currently holds license number AP00940810 as a social worker in the State of West Virginia.
3. Mr. Deniker, by his own acknowledgement, offered fraudulent documentation to his employer, the WV Department of Health & Human Services, regarding services rendered to clients that did not actually occur.

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.
2. As indicated in the Findings of Fact, John Bruce Deniker has violated §30-30-7(a)(6) of the West Virginia Code.

CONSENT

John Bruce Deniker, by affixing his signature hereon, **agrees** to the following:

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

3. This Consent Agreement shall serve as a formal disciplinary action against Mr. Deniker, 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.

ORDER

1. The board hereby suspends license number AP00940810 issued to John Bruce Deniker for a period of three (3) months from the date that this agreement is signed by all parties.
2. The board further orders that, upon reinstatement of said license, Mr. Deniker will be required to obtain six (6) hours of additional continuing social work education in the area of social work ethics within one year following the reinstatement of his license. A total of fifty-six (56) hours must be earned prior to expiration of his reinstated license.
3. Mr. Deniker will offer written documentation from the approved provider that verifies completion of each ethics instruction workshop or program.
4. The board recognizes that this Agreement is a compromise of a disputed claim and is not to be construed as an admission of liability or culpability on the part of Mr. Deniker.

Signature of licensee: John B. Leiker

Date: 9/30/02

Signature of Board Chair: Rita M. Brown

Date: October 9, 2002

Entered into this 9th day of October, 2002

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