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BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

William Joe Repass
PO Box 585
Princeton, WV 24740

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Comes now William J. Repass 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. Repass by the board pursuant to West Virginia Code §30-30-7(6). 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. William Repass has made application for licensure as a social worker in the State of West Virginia.

3. Mr. Repass previously held license number AP00939004 until the license expired January 1, 2001.
4. Under said license during the year 2002, while transporting a client that had violated parole, Mr. Repass agreed to trade cash for food stamps from the client for the purpose of making sure the client had cash available to him. The client expected to be incarcerated for an unknown period of time. The client expressed concern over not having any money. Mr. Repass agreed to mail funds to the jail upon his return home since he did not have cash on his person at the time of the transfer. Mr. Repass states he made the agreement out of concern and sympathy for the client's situation but acknowledges that his conduct was unprofessional and unethical.
5. Mr. Repass accepted the food stamps and later mailed the amount of \$50.00 to the client that was ultimately returned from the jail and was undelivered.

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, Mr. Repass has violated §30-30-7(a)(6) of the West Virginia Code.

CONSENT

William Joe Repass, by affixing his signature hereon, **agrees** to the following:

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.

1. He consents to the entry of the following **Order** affecting his license to practice social work in the State of West Virginia.
2. He acknowledges that the Consent Agreement shall serve as a formal reprimand and, as such, shall be reported as mandated under Federal Law to the Health Integrity Practitioners Data Bank through the Association of Social Work Boards, the designated reporting agent for the WV Board of Social Work Examiners. He acknowledges that information regarding any disciplinary action imposed by a professional licensing Board shall become a matter of public record.

ORDER

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

1. William Joe Repass will be required to obtain nine (9) hours of continuing social work education training in the area of social work ethics from Board

Certified Providers within ninety (90) days following issuance of his license.

The nine (9) hours in social work ethics will be in addition to the standard fifty (50) hour requirement for a two-year license. Mr. Repass will offer written verification, from the Certified provider, of his completion of each ethics program.

Entered this 15 day of March 02.

Signature:

William Joe Repass

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Date:

03-15-02

Signature:

Rita M. Brown

Rita M. Brown, MSW, Chair

Date:

March 19, 2002