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BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

ROGER THOMAS
2343 9TH AVENUE
HUNTINGTON, WV 25703
TEMPORARY LICENSE NUMBER: TL08987357

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Comes now Roger Thomas 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. Thomas by the board pursuant to West Virginia Code §
30-30-7(6) and National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics §3.04 and §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. Roger Thomas currently holds temporary license number TL08987357 as a social worker in the State of West Virginia.
3. On January 8, 2000, Mr. Thomas offered fraudulent documentation regarding services rendered to a client that did not occur and was ultimately terminated by his employer due to these actions.

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

CONSENT

Roger Thomas, 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.

ORDER

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

1. This Consent Agreement shall serve as a formal reprimand against Roger Thomas, and, as such, shall be reported to the national Disciplinary Action Reporting System of the Association of State Social Work Boards.
2. The board hereby suspends Temporary License number TL08987357 issued to Mr. Roger Thomas on August 14, 1998 for a period of three (3) months from the date that this agreement is signed by all parties.
3. The board further orders that, upon reinstatement of said license which will require written documentation that confirms appropriate social work employment and licensing supervision, Mr. Thomas will be required to obtain six (6) hours of additional continuing social work education training in the area of social work ethics from Board Certified Providers within one year after reinstatement of the suspended license. This six (6) hours of Ethics is in **addition** to the normally required **eight (8)** hours in social work Ethics that must be completed in the first two year licensing period as well as the second two year licensing period following renewal of the temporary license.
4. Mr. Thomas will offer written verification, from the Certified provider, of his completion of each ethics program.

Entered this 16th day of August.

Signature: Roger Thomas

Date: 8/7/00

Signature: Lita M. Brown

Date: Aug. 16, 2000