

April 4, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Ashley D. Weitzel
10340 Coleman Dairy Road
Semmes, Alabama 36575

Dear Ms. Weitzel:

RE: NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION – BOARD CASE NO. 12-2863G-03

A complaint has been made to this Board that you have violated provision of the law related to the practice of social work. A copy of the complaint is enclosed for your reference. These charges, if proven, would, at minimum, constitute violation of the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 34-30-4, and Alabama State Board of Social Work Administrative Code Chapter 850-X-9 Standards of Professional Conduct and Ethics. (copy enclosed)

As part of its investigation of this matter, the Board extends to you, and your counsel, if you so desire, the opportunity to provide a written response to these allegations within 15 days of the date of this letter.

After your response period has expired, the Board may take such action as it is authorized, including, but not limited to, conducting further investigation of this matter, determining whether there is probable cause for this case to proceed to a hearing, and if so, providing you with notice of charges and an opportunity to be heard and respond to the charges before the Board.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Goodson
Executive Director

cc: Ellen Leonard, Board Attorney

April 4, 2012

Ms. Jordan Helene Rees
3854 Rue Maison, Apt. D
Mobile, Alabama 36608

Dear Ms. Rees:

We have received the complaint you filed against Ms. Ashley Weitzel, LGSW. A letter will be forwarded to her today along with a copy of the complaint allowing her the opportunity to respond. The board allows licensees 15 days to respond to the allegations before the complaint is forwarded to the assigned board member.

I will keep you informed on the outcome of the complaint. Should you wish to reach me you can do so at the telephone number or address listed above.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Goodson
Executive Director

August 31, 2009

Ms. XXXXXX, LBSW
210 Oak Park Drive
Opelika AL 36801

Dear Ms. Askew:

Please find enclosed a complaint received on Ms. Keldin Jones, LGSW made by Mr. Keith Bilbrew. The process has been delayed because Ms. Jones through her attorney asked for additional time to respond. A copy of the complaint, the response from the licensee and her attorney are provided. Please review the information and make your recommendation on the case. Should you need additional information you may reach me either by telephone or email.

Sincerely,

Brenda

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT)

AGAINST ASHLEY WEITZEL) Case No.: 12-2863G-03

Respondent.)

COMPLAINT

Upon consideration of the allegations set forth in this Complaint, the Complainant herein, the Investigative Committee of the Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiners, (the "Board"), submits there is sufficient merit in such allegations to warrant the filing of this formal Complaint and alleges as follows:

I.

Respondent, Ashley Weitzel, heretofore had been duly issued a license to practice as a social worker by the Board and, at all times relevant to this Complaint, was licensed to practice as a social worker in Alabama under a license.

II.

Since the issuance of such license, Respondent, Ashley Weitzel, has committed acts in violation of the Code of Ethics and/or the Administrative Code provisions governing the practice of social work in the State of Alabama, to wit:

1. While licensed by the Board to practice social work, Ashley Weitzel represented herself to the public as having a Licensed Private Independent Practice.
2. On March 16, 2012 a complaint was received regarding a website providing therapy services in Ms. Ashley Weitzel's name.

COUNT ONE

The of allegations contained in this Complaint violate the Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiner's Administrative Code, § 850-X-9-.01(1)(b)2, which states that the social worker shall not misrepresent profession qualifications, licensure, certification, education, experience, or affiliations.

WHEREFORE, these PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Complainant, the Investigative Committee of the Board, submits that Probable Cause exists to file this formal Complaint.

Done this ____ day of _____, 2012.

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

BY- _____

REBECCA GOODSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT)
AGAINST)
ASHLEY WEITZEL,) Case No.: No. 12-2863G-03
Respondent)
_____)

AGREEMENT TO INFORMAL SETTLEMENT OF VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Disciplinary Investigative Committee (Committee) of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners (Board) has investigated a complaint of a violation of the Respondent ASHLEY WEITZEL and has determined that probable cause exists to warrant filing formal charges against the Respondent ASHLEY WEITZEL for having violated rules of the Board, and

WHEREAS, Respondent ASHLEY WEITZEL has been notified of the Complaint and alleged violations, the Committee's determination of probable cause, and the right to have a formal hearing before the Board on the alleged violations, and

WHEREAS, Respondent having been notified of the alleged violations and the Committee's determination of probable cause, the right to a formal hearing before the Board on the alleged violations, waives her right to a formal hearing and requests an informal disposition of the alleged violations presently pending before the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners, and

WHEREAS, the Respondent has agreed to an informal disposition of the alleged violations, and in consideration of the Committee's promise to informally dispose of the violations, the Respondent agrees to the following:

- (1) A reprimand for unprofessional conduct. Complete three additional hours of training concerning the ETHICS law in addition to the 30 hours required to maintain your license and pay a \$250.00 fine to the Board no later than 6 months from the date this agreement is signed.
- (2) By agreeing to have the violations informally discharged by the Committee, Respondent does not admit to the truth of the allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint; however, the Respondent waives her right to a formal hearing before the full Board.
- (3) This agreement applies only to the present allegations, and has no bearing on any future complaints or allegations.
- (4) Nothing in this Agreement is intended to circumvent the law, statutes, or Administrative Code of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners.

- (5) The Board is required to report all disciplinary measures imposed, formally or informally, and that the Board has no authority to waive this requirement.
- (6) The disciplinary infractions will be reported by the Board as unprofessional conduct in violation of the *Administrative Code* § 850-X-9.01(1)(b)2.**
- (7) In the event that the Investigative Committee has probable cause to determine that Respondent has violated any term of this Agreement, the Agreement is rescinded, and this cause will be set for an Administrative Hearing before the full Board.
- (8) This Agreement is and shall be deemed to be treated as a public record. In consideration of the Respondent's acceptance of the above-listed disciplinary measures and acknowledgment of a violation of the Committee, on behalf of the Board, agrees that the Board agrees not to actively pursue the prosecution of the Administrative Violations.
- (9) This Agreement must be approved by the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Board. The Respondent agrees to waive any objections, if a hearing is required later, to the Board receiving enough information about this case to approve this settlement.

IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by the Respondent and the Committee that the above-stated terms represent the complete agreement, and that this Agreement is binding once it has been signed by both parties, and that if any term is illegal or unconstitutional, the agreement becomes void.

SIGNED, this _____ day of _____ 2012

ASHLEY WEITZEL
Respondent

Executive Director for the Board
Rebecca Goodson

August 7, 2012

Ms. Ashley D. Weitzel
10340 Coleman Dairy Road
Semmes, Alabama 36575

Dear Ms. Weitzel:

RE: BOARD CASE NO. 12-2863G-03

This letter along with attachments is the outcome from the complaint filed against your social work license. Enclosed is the settlement agreement that we have discussed. I am required to also submit the charge letter which is enclosed as well. If you accept the settlement agreement please sign and return both copies for review by the board. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2012.

If you do not agree with the attached settlement agreement, please send a letter declining the offer and then you must respond to the charge letter. Either way you will need to submit something to the board office within 15 days.

Should you have any questions you may reach me at the telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Goodson
Executive Director