

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF)
SHARON J. JONES, LCSW) Case No.: 09-2191C-10
Respondent.)

COMPLAINT

Upon consideration of the allegations set forth in this Complainant herein, 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, Sharon J. Jones, 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, Sharon J. Jones, 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, Sharon J. Jones worked as a social worker for the Department of Human Resources. On or about May 1, 2008, Sharon J. Jones changed documents she was provided by Glenda Sue Hays for her supervision indicating she received Clinical Social Work supervision when in fact no supervision for this practice setting was provided.

2. On or about May 15, 2009, Ms. Jones submitted an application to the Board for the Private Independent Practice Certification (PIP) requesting Clinical Social Work on the certification with the forged supervision forms.

COUNT ONE

The allegations contained in the Complaint constitute a violation of the Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiner's Administrative Code, Section 850-X-9-.01(1)(a)2 which states the social worker shall not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or criminal activity. 850-X-10.01(2)(b) Committing, or aiding and abetting any fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or procuring a social work license or renewal license. And 850-X-10.01(2) (d) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

WHEREFORE, you are given twenty (20) days to respond to this complaint. Your response and the complaint will be provided to the investigative committee of the Board.

Done this 27th day of August 2009.

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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ORDER OF FORMAL HEARING

For good cause, it is ORDERED that

A formal hearing on the allegations contained in the previously mailed Complaint has been rescheduled at the request of your attorney for December 4, 2009, at 11:00 A. M., in the Conference Room in the office of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners (Board), 100 North Union, Suite 736, Montgomery, Alabama.

Section 34-30-5, Code of Alabama (1975), outlines your rights which shall include:

- Your right to the presence of counsel at the hearing at your expense;
- Your right to cross-examine witnesses;
- Your right to call witnesses on your behalf and to present evidence; and
- Your right to subpoena witnesses and documents.

If, after a hearing the Board finds that the allegations against you have been substantiated, it may revoke any license issued pursuant to Section 34-30-33(d) Code of Alabama (1975), under its authority, or it may return a finding that the charges have not been proved. Additionally, pursuant to Section 34-30-33(d) Code of Alabama (1975), the Board may take action to enjoin a violation of the law.

Your failure to attend this hearing will be considered as a waiver of your rights to be present.

Done this 23rd day of October 2009.

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February 22, 2010

Ms. Sharon Jo Jones
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Dear Ms. Jones:

The recommendation of the Hearing Officer pertaining to your case was reviewed during the Board meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010. The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer which was approved. A copy of the recommendation has been send via email to your attorney, David J. Harrison, and a copy has been attached to this letter for your reference.

Effective as of the date of this letter your social work license number 2191C has been revoked. According to Section 34-30-5 Disciplinary proceedings – Procedures. Your rights are outlined below:

Section 34-30-5 (5) Any person affected by the action of the board in refusing his application or suspending or revoking his license, or any other action of the board, may appeal the action of the board by filing a petition within 30 days thereafter in the circuit court in the county where the person resides or in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, and the court is vested with jurisdiction and it shall be the duty of the court to set the matter for hearing upon 10 days' written notice to the board and the attorney representing the board. The court in which the petition of appeal is filed shall determine whether or not a cancellation or suspension of a license shall be abated until the hearing shall have been consummated with final judgment thereof or whether any other action of the board should be suspended pending hearing, and enter its order accordingly, which shall be operative when served upon the board, and the court shall provide the attorney representing the board with a copy of the petition and order. The board shall be represented in such appeals by the district attorney of the county or the Attorney General, or any of their assistants. The board shall initially determine all facts, but the court, upon appeal, shall set aside the determination of the board if the board's determination:

- a. Is not based upon substantial evidence upon the entire record;
- b. Is arbitrary or capricious;
- c. Is in violation of statutory requirements; or
- d. Was made without affording the licensee or applicant due process of law.

The Board is required to report all disciplinary measures imposed, formally or informally, and the Board has no authority to waive this requirement. This disciplinary infractions will be reported by the Board as unprofessional conduct in violation of the *Administrative Code* § 850-X-9.01(1)(a)2 and § 850-X-10.01(2)(d) .

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

Sincerely,

Brenda W. Holden
Executive Director