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BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD

In the Matter of)
)
ALLONTAY M. THOMAS, LMSW)
License #6927)
Respondent)
_____)

Case No. 17-MS-081

SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER OF SUSPENSION

NOW, on this 8 day of May, 2017, the above-captioned complaint comes before the Complaint Review Committee [Committee] of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board [Board].

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that the following facts have been established by a preponderance of persuasive evidence:

1. Allontay M. Thomas is a Licensed Masters Social Worker, License #6927, which was issued by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.
2. At all times relevant to the complaint herein, Licensee was practicing as a Licensed Masters Social Worker within the meaning of the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6301, *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

3. On January 23, 2017, the Board received a report of alleged professional misconduct by Licensee and conducted an investigation concerning her alleged violation of statutes and regulations. Licensee sent a letter of response on March 3. She did not address most of the concerns and was given a second opportunity to furnish information but sent nothing further.

4. As a result of the investigation, the Board found that the following facts were established by a preponderance of persuasive evidence:

a. Licensee was employed as a Child Protective Social Worker for the Kansas Department of Children and Families located in the Kansas City service center.

b. Licensee's employment supervisors verified that she falsely reported attempted contacts with families in need of services including safety assessments. When watched by an investigator for three days, she ran personal errands, stayed home and later reported falsely that she made contacts. The families involved all verified no contact from Licensee was ever received.

c. Because of Licensee's lack of regard for the seriousness of the situation, children and families were endangered and went without needed services.

d. Licensee's employment was terminated, but she failed to report the termination to the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Complaint Review Committee of the Board found that probable cause existed to believe Licensee violated the following statute and regulations:

A. K.S.A. 65-6311. Grounds for suspension, limitation, revocation or refusal to issue or renew license; procedure.

(a) The board may suspend, limit, revoke, condition or refuse to issue or renew a license of any social worker upon proof that the social worker:

(4) has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules established by the board.

B. K.A.R. 102-2-7. Unprofessional Conduct. Any of the following acts by a licensee or an applicant for a social work license shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

(b)(3) failing to report termination of employment for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance to the Board;

(j) performing services clearly inconsistent with one's training, education and experience and with accepted professional standards for social work;

(w) engaging in professional activities ... involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;

(jj) taking credit for work not performed personally, whether by giving inaccurate or misleading information or by failing to disclose accurate or material information; and

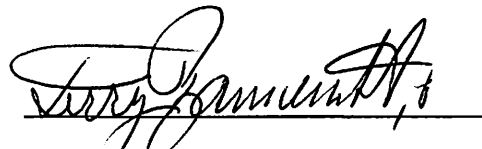
(ll) making or filing a report that one knows to be distorted, erroneous, incomplete or misleading.

6. The Board concludes that the statutory requirements are present, and this matter may properly be handled through Summary Proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

SANCTION

WHEREFORE, Licensee Allontay Thomas's Licensed Masters Social Worker license should be and is hereby suspended for a period of at least six (6) months from the effective date of this Order as established pursuant to the Notice of Relief below. After six months, the Board will consider reinstatement upon written motion for reinstatement by Licensee and satisfactory evidence of Licensee's insight into her unethical and unprofessional conduct and failure in her responsibilities to vulnerable clients.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 5th day of May, 2017.



Terry Pfannenstiel, Chair, BSRB
Complaint Review Committee

NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, this Summary Proceeding Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for hearing to:

Max Foster, Executive Director
Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Eisenhower State Office Building, #430
Topeka, KS 66603

Any such request must be filed within fifteen (15) days of service of this Notice. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Proceeding Order becomes final and effective upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing and will be a Final Order of the Board.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 8 day of May, 2017, a true and correct copy of the above Summary Proceeding Order of Suspension was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Allontay Thomas

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and emailed to: allontaythomas@hotmail.com

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