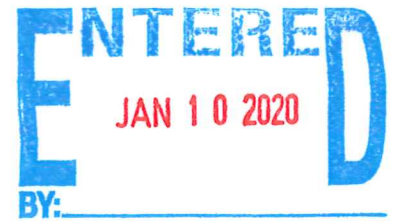


COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
CASE NO. 18-13



IN RE: THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HELD BY ABIGAIL BETH PINSON, LCSW, LICENSE NO. 3252

AGREED ORDER

Come now the Kentucky Board of Social Work (hereinafter “the board”), and ABIGAIL BETH PINSON, LCSW (hereinafter “licensee”), and based upon their mutual desire to fully and finally resolve this pending matter in an expeditious manner, without the need for filing a formal complaint and notice of evidentiary hearing pursuant to KRS 335.155, hereby ENTER INTO the following **AGREED ORDER**:

STIPULATION OF FACTS

The parties stipulate the following facts, which serve as the factual bases for this Agreed Order:

1. At all relevant times, licensee was licensed by the board to practice social work within the Commonwealth of Kentucky;
2. On or about June 8, 2018, the licensee appeared in Lawrence Circuit Court, Criminal Division, with counsel to withdraw a plea of not guilty to criminal charges. The licensee entered a plea of guilty to the amended charge of Facilitation to Trafficking in a Controlled Substance First Degree – First Offense, Indictment No. 18-CR-00073. The licensee was sentenced to twelve (12) months to serve to be placed on supervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months. The Lawrence Circuit Court also ordered that the licensee “cooperate in the prosecution of L.B., and to forfeit “[a]ny money, vehicle, firearms or other items seized as related to drug trafficking charges or acquired from the proceeds of drug trafficking.” The

Lawrence Circuit Court accepted the licensee's plea of guilty to the amended charges and sentenced her on the plea of guilty, order entered of record on June 14, 2018.

3. On or about September 11, 2018, the board's complaint committee reviewed the Lawrence Circuit Court records related to the criminal charges filed against the licensee. The complaint committee found that the board has jurisdiction to discipline the licensee pursuant to KRS 335.150(1)(a) for committing an act of dishonesty or corruption. The committee further determined that:

- a. The nature and seriousness of the criminal conviction is disqualifying because it involves the crime of drug trafficking and therefore "directly relates to the . . . the occupation for which the license is sought" within the meaning of KRS 335B.020(1); and
- b. There is a relationship of the crime of drug trafficking to the ability, capacity, and fitness required to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of the occupation in accordance with KRS 335B.020(2)(c).

4. Upon recommendation of the complaint committee, the board adopted the terms of the recommended agreed order in this matter by unanimous vote.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The parties stipulate the following Conclusions of Law, which serve as the legal bases for this Agreed Order:

1. The licensee's license is subject to regulation and discipline by the board.
2. Based upon the Stipulation of Facts, the licensee has engaged in conduct in violation of the provisions of KRS 335.150(1)(a). Accordingly, there are legal grounds for the parties to enter into this Agreed Order.

3. Pursuant to KRS 335.150(4), the parties may fully and finally resolve this pending matter without the filing of a formal complaint and an evidentiary hearing by entering into informal resolution such as this Agreed Order.

AGREED ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation of Facts and Stipulated Conclusions of Law, and based upon their mutual desire to fully and finally resolve this pending investigation without an evidentiary hearing, the parties ENTER INTO the following AGREED ORDER:

1. The board shall suspend LCSW License Number 3252 and licensee shall not engage in the practice of social work in Kentucky for a period of two (2) years effective immediately upon the entry of this order. The licensee shall not resume the practice of social work until authorized by written order of the board, and licensee may be required by the board to demonstrate competency to resume active practice.

2. The licensee freely and voluntarily enters into this Agreed Order, motivated by a desire to resolve the issues addressed herein, and has executed this Agreed Order only after a careful reading of it and opportunity for consultation with an attorney, and a full understanding of all of its terms. The licensee is fully aware of and expressly waives the right to contest charges in a formal hearing pursuant to KRS 335.155, the right to obtain judicial review of the board's decision, and the right to appeal any final order of the board to the Franklin Circuit Court as otherwise allowed by KRS 335.155(3).

3. The licensee acknowledges the board has jurisdiction over the licensee and the conduct which precipitated this Agreed Order; that the board has the legal power to take disciplinary action up to and including revocation of the licensee's license to practice social work in Kentucky; and the licensee further acknowledges the board shall retain jurisdiction over

this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order have been met to the satisfaction of the board.

4. This Agreed Order is considered a public document, available for inspection at any time by any member of the public under the Kentucky Open Records Act.

5. This matter shall constitute disciplinary action which may be reportable under state or federal law.

6. The licensee expressly understands that any violation of the terms of this Agreed Order shall provide the legal basis for additional disciplinary action, and shall constitute failure to comply with an order of the board under KRS 335.150(1) (f), and for which the board may impose additional penalties available under law after notice and an opportunity to be heard.

7. This Agreed Order shall be governed in all respects, whether as to validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Furthermore:

- a. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be settled by a state court of appropriate jurisdiction in Franklin County, Kentucky. The parties irrevocably consent to the personal jurisdiction and venue of such court; and
- b. This Agreed Order may not be modified except by a written agreement signed by the parties.

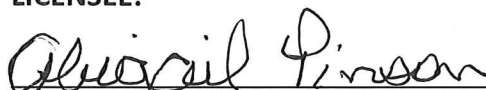
8. In consideration of execution of this Agreed Order, the licensee, the licensee's executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby release and forever discharge the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Board of Social Work, and each of its members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, the licensee ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any or all of

the persons or entities named in this paragraph arising out of or by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary action, this Agreed Order, or its administration.

Upon consideration of this Agreed Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the terms of this Agreed Order are approved and adopted.

SO ORDERED on this ____ day of ____, 2019.

LICENSEE:


ABIGAIL BOTH PINSON

Date 11-20, 2019

FOR THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK:


JAY MILLER, Ph.D., CSW, CHAIRMAN
KENTUCKY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the Agreed Order were mailed by regular first class mail
on this 27th day of January, 2019, to:

Abigail Beth Pinson
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Respondent



Board Administrator