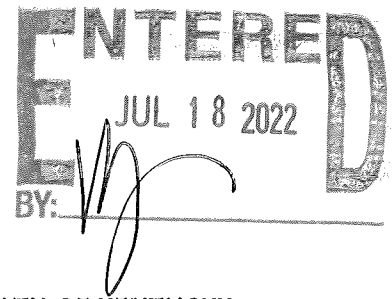


COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
CASE NO. 21-53



IN RE: THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HELD BY HANNAH R. JOYCE, CSW, LICENSE NO. 253649

AGREED ORDER

Come now the Kentucky Board of Social Work (hereinafter "the board"), and Hannah R. Joyce (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. Licensee was duly licensed by the board to practice social work within the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon issuance of her license on October 2, 2018.
2. On or about August 20, 2021 the board received a written complaint filed by James Cassity (hereinafter "Complainant"), stating that Licensee was a client at JourneyPure, where Licensee was employed, seeking outpatient substance abuse services, and that Licensee was his therapist. Complainant alleged that Licensee engaged in personal text exchanges with him, invited him to her home, where he was served alcohol, disclosed confidential information about him to other clients, permitted another client to spend the night on her property, and attempted to set him up by convincing another client to ask him for prescription medication. Complainant

stated that he had discontinued the therapeutic relationship after feeling "belittled and degraded." Complainant stated that he feared for his safety as a result of harassing texts that he had received following Licensee's termination from her employment after he reported this behavior.

3. On or about October 8, 2021, the Board received a response from Licensee in which she denied inviting Complainant to her residence, but instead stated that he had dropped something off to her and her husband had invited him to stay. She further claimed she was not aware that he had consumed alcohol and later counseled the client against that behavior. Licensee further denied attempting to illicit inappropriate behavior from Complainant or disclosing personal information. However, she admitted that she did invite clients to attend her church, had send inappropriate text messages to Complainant and had not maintained appropriate work boundaries.

4. Subsequently, a board investigator conducted interviews with Licensee, and Complainant, Jerry Lucas, Tracy Lucas, Thomas Kurtz, Ashley French, Terri Powell and Jenna Meeks, from JourneyPure, another client from JourneyPure, who is not named herein for confidentiality purposes, and Terri Powell and Dawn Brown, friends of Licensee at the home on the night in question, resulting in a final investigative report being submitted to the board on February 22, 2022.

5. On March 8, 2022, the board's complaint committee reviewed the case file and recommended an agreed order to resolve this matter, in lieu of the issuance of a formal complaint and notice of evidentiary hearing. The board approved the terms of the agreed order 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. During the period from October 2, 2018 to the present, Licensee's Kentucky social work license was active and subject to regulation and discipline by the board.
2. Pursuant to KRS 335.150(1) and 201 KAR 23:080 Section 11, a social worker may not engage in a dual relationship of the manner outlined herein, nor shall they utilize any harassing communication in addressing a client as related to their own questionable conduct as addressed in Section 5 of the same.
3. Based upon the Stipulation of Facts, the licensee has engaged in conduct that violates the provisions of KRS 335.150(1) and 201 KAR 23:080, Sections 5 and 11. Accordingly, there are legal grounds for the parties to enter into this Agreed Order.
4. 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 matter without an evidentiary hearing, the parties ENTER INTO the following AGREED ORDER:

1. The licensee agrees to surrender her license and states her understanding that the board shall treat the surrender of her license as if it was revoked.

2. The license to practice social work in the Commonwealth of Kentucky held by Hannah R. Joyce, CSW No. 253649, is SURRENDERED AS IF REVOKED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, effective immediately upon the entry of this order;

3. During the effective period of this Agreed Order, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RESTRICTION until further orders of the board:

- a. SHALL NOT seek reinstatement of Kentucky license to practice social work for a period of five (5) years from the date of entry of this order;
- b. SHALL NOT engage in the practice of social work or otherwise provide social work services unless and until approved to do so by this board;
- c. SHALL NOT violate any provision of KRS 335.010 – 335.160 and 201 KAR 23:080.

4. 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 consultation with an attorney of her choosing should she so desire, and a full understanding of all of its terms; that she 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).

5. Licensee acknowledges the board has jurisdiction over the licensee and the conduct that 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.

6. Pursuant to KRS 335.150 (2), Licensee may petition the board for reinstatement no sooner than five (5) years from the date of the entry of this order. The board shall investigate the petition and may reinstate the license upon a finding that she has complied with terms prescribed by the board and is again able to engage competently and ethically in the practice of social work.

7. 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.

8. This matter shall constitute disciplinary action that may be reportable under state or federal law.

9. 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.

10. 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.

b. This Agreed Order may not be modified except by a written agreement signed by the parties.

11. In consideration of execution of this Agreed Order, Licensee, her 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 14 day of July 2022.

LICENSEE:

Hannah R. Joyce
HANNAH R. JOYCE

Date 7/14/ 2022

FOR THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK:

/S/ Anne Adcock
DR. ANNE ADOCK, DSW, MSW, CSW
CHAIR, KENTUCKY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

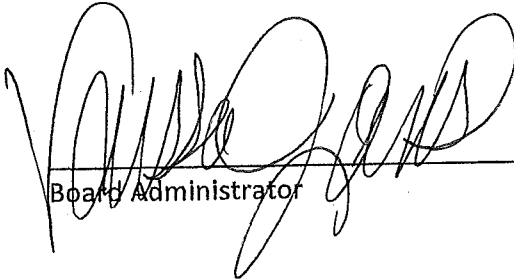
/S/ Nicole S. Bearse
HON. NICOLE S. BEARSE
ATTORNEY, BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the Agreed Order were mailed by regular first-class mail

on this 18th day of July 2022, to:

Ms. Hannah Joyce
2930 Red Mill Road
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701



Board Administrator