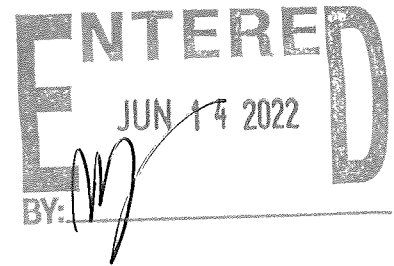


COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
CASE NO. 21-71



IN RE: THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HELD BY ALAN GOOCH, LCSW, LICENSE NO. 3719

AGREED ORDER

Come now the Kentucky Board of Social Work (hereinafter "the board"), and Alan Gooch (hereinafter "Mr. Gooch"), 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. Mr. Gooch was duly licensed by the board to practice clinical social work within the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon issuance of his license on October 30, 2012. Mr. Gooch's license expired on October 30, 2021 and he is not currently seeking reinstatement of that license.
2. On or about April 27, 2021, the board received a written complaint filed by Danielle Dicken (hereinafter "Ms. Dicken"), stating that Mr. Gooch may have been seeing clients and providing services while under the influence of narcotics in violation of 201 KAR 23:080 Section 5(1). The matter was assigned Agency Case No. 21-29.
3. Mr. Gooch was cooperative with the Board in the prior complaint, and after negotiations, agreed to enroll with the Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network (hereinafter

"KYPRN") to monitor his sobriety and mental health and to be complaint with all terms of their monitoring. The Board agreed to dismiss Case No. 21-29 on October 12, 2021, based upon that informal agreement.

4. On November 18, 2021, the Board initiated Case No. 21-71 against Mr. Gooch alleging non-compliance with the terms of KYPRN.

5. Administrative Action No. 22-KBSW-0049 was filed by the Board, having not realized that Mr. Gooch's license had expired since the filing of Complaint No. 21-29

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 20, 2012, to October 30, 2021, Mr. Gooch's Kentucky social work license was active and subject to regulation and discipline by the board, at which time his license expired.

2. Pursuant to 201 KAR 23:080 Section 5, a social worker has a duty not to provide a social work service when impaired.

3. Based upon the Stipulation of Facts, Mr. Gooch has a history of substance use, and his recovery is ongoing. He has previously reported suffering from personal circumstances that affected his ability to practice social work. While Mr. Gooch denies providing social work services to clients while under the influence, he recognizes the Board's duty to protect the public and to monitor Licensees to ensure that client services are not affected by any relapse in recovery. 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. Mr. Gooch is not currently licensed nor is he actively seeking licensure.

2. Prior to seeking reinstatement of his license, Mr. Gooch agrees to contact the Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network (KYPRN) to assist him in ensuring that any relapse in recovery from substance abuse and mental health concerns will not negatively affect his clinical or non-clinical social work practice pursuant to KRS 335.150(10). Mr. Gooch agrees to follow any and all recommendations of KYPRN and to provide, along with any application for reinstatement, proof of enrollment and compliance with KYPRN for a minimum of three (3) months prior to said application.

3. Mr. Gooch 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 his choosing should he so desire, and a full understanding of all of its terms; that he 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).

4. Mr. Gooch acknowledges the board has jurisdiction over him and the conduct that precipitated this Agreed Order; that the board shall retain jurisdiction over his reapplication for licensure and that all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order must be met to the satisfaction of the board.

5. 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.

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

7. Mr. Gooch 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.

8. 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.

9. In consideration of execution of this Agreed Order, Mr. Gooch, his 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, Mr. Gooch 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 14th day of June 2022.

Alan Gooch
ALAN GOOCH, LCSW

Date 4-18- 2022

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HON. KATHERINE KERNS VESELY
Counsel for Alan Gooch

Date 04/19 2022

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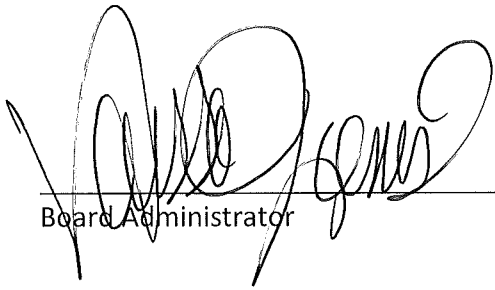
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the Agreed Order were mailed by regular first-class mail
on this 14th day of June 2022, to:

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