

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

In the Matter of the)
Complaint Against)
Catherine Jean Pacher, LCSW) Case No. 99-1150C-07
License No. 1150C)
)
RESPONDENT.)

ORDER

COMES NOW the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners ("the board"), and following a full and fair hearing before the Board on January 26, 2001, in Montgomery, in the matter of the complaint against Catherine Jean Pacher, LCSW, License No. 1150C, makes the following Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law in support of this Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a duly Licensed Certified Social Worker in the State of Alabama, and was so licensed at all time relevant to the complaint.
2. Respondent was provided notice of the hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and regular first class mail to the most recent address on file with the Board.
3. The certified mail was returned to the Board marked "Unclaimed".
4. Respondent failed to attend the hearing but sent response by over night mail.

The hearing was conducted in Respondent's absence, as provided in Section 41-22-12 (d), Code of Alabama 1975.

5. Documentary evidence designated as Boards' Exhibits 1-7 were admitted into evidence and published to the Board.
6. Respondent renewed her Alabama Social Work license in 1999.

7. Documentary evidence presented at the hearing established that Respondent within the last five years has been convicted of a felony in the State of Mississippi. However, the Respondent failed to inform the Board of both the conviction and the disciplinary measures imposed by the State of Mississippi.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds that the facts as established at the hearing and as outlined above constitute a violation of Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 34-30-4, and Alabama Administrative Code, RULE 850-X-10-.01, as follows:

1. The Respondent's failure to inform the Board of said actions.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by this Board that the license to practice of the Respondent be SUSPENDED beginning January 26, 2001 for a period of three (3) years at which time the Board will consider a request for a hearing of reinstatement of license providing the Respondent continues to acquire continuing education units as if she were licensed and that one quarter (1/4) of the hours are in ethics in clinical practice beginning January 26, 2001. The Respondent will provide the Board with a notarized written report of continuing education annually to be received April 30th each year. The Respondent will not be allowed to practice social work in Alabama in any form during the period of suspension. The Respondent shall make a formal request for a hearing of reinstatement of license no later than April 30, 2003.

DONE this 6th day of February 2001.

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

CONCUR:
MESDAMES. HUMBER,
NELSON, RIGSBY, SHERRILL,

TREESE AND
MR. SATTERWHITE

ATTEST:

Brenda W. Holden
Executive Secretary
February 5, 2001