

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF)
WENDY WILSON STRACHAN,) Case No.: 05-2761B-08
Respondent.)

COMPLAINT

Upon consideration of the allegations set forth in this Supplemental Complaint, the Complainant herein, the Investigative Committee of Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiners (the "Board"), submits there is sufficient merit in such allegations to warrant the filing of this formal Complaint and alleges as follows:

I.

Respondent, Wendy Strachan, heretofore had been duly issued a license to practice as a social worker by the Board and, at all times relevant to this Complaint, was licensed to practice as a social worker in Alabama under a license.

II.

Since the issuance of such license, Respondent, Wendy Strachan, has committed acts in violation of the Code of Ethics and/or the Administrative Code provisions governing the practice of social work in the State of Alabama, to wit:

While licensed by the Board to practice social work, Wendy Strachan worked as a social worker for the Department of Public Health. On or about January 1, 2005 and November 11, 2004, Wendy Strachan documented that she made home visits to N.B. on or about December 23, 2004 and November 23, 2004. It was later learned that Wendy Strachan never made these home visits.

On or about January 10, 2005, Wendy Strachan documented that she made home visits to A. B. on or about December 30, 2004. It was later learned that Wendy Strachan never made this home visit.

On or about January 3, 2005, Wendy Strachan documented that she made home visits to B. B. on or about December 21, 2004. It was later learned that Wendy Strachan never made this home visit.

On or about February 10, 2005, Wendy Strachan documented that she made home visits to C.A. on or about February 1, 2005. It was later learned that Wendy Strachan never made this home visit.

After further investigation, it was also determined that Wendy Strachan documented that she made home visits to five other patients. It was later learned that Wendy Strachan never made these home visits.

In the summer of 2005, Don Hiltz, the investigator for the Board of Social Work Examiners tried to interview Ms. Strachan concerning the complaint filed against her. Ms. Strachan failed to cooperate and meet with the investigator.

On or about May 19, 2005, Ms. Strachan represented herself to M. P. as a social worker by the name of Wendy Nipp who was assisting another social worker with their caseload.

COUNT ONE

Portions of allegations contained in paragraphs one through five of this Complaint constitute a violation of the Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiner's Administrative Code, Section 850-X-9.01 (1)(a)2, which prohibits a social worker from engaging in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or criminal activity and Section 850-X-9.01 (1)(a), which requires a social worker to maintain a high standard of personal conduct in the capacity as a social worker, and is also in violation of Section 850-X-10.01 (1)(f), which prohibits violations of administrative rules and Section 850-X-10.01(d), which prohibits dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct of character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

COUNT TWO

Allegations contained in paragraphs six violate the Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiner's Administrative Code, Section 850-X-10-.01(2)(u), which prohibits a social worker from failing to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board.

COUNT THREE

Allegations contained in paragraphs seven violates the Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiner's Administrative Code, Section 850-X-9.01 (1)(a)2, which prohibits a social worker from engaging in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or criminal activity and Section 850-X-9.01 (1)(a), which requires a social worker to maintain high standards of personal conduct in the capacity as a social worker, and is also in violation of Section 850-X-10.01 (1)(f), which prohibits violations of administrative rules and Section 850-X-10.01(d), which prohibits dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct of character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

WHEREFORE, these PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Complainant, the Investigative Committee of the Board, submits that Probable Cause exists to file this formal Complaint.

Done this 29th day of June 2006.

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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ORDER OF FORMAL HEARING

For good cause, it is ORDERED that

A formal hearing on the allegations contained in the attached Complaint is hereby set for September 8, 2006, at Noon, in the Conference Room in the office of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners (Board), 100 North Union, Suite 736, Montgomery, Alabama.

Section 34-30-5, Code of Alabama (1975), outlines your rights which shall include:

- Your right to the presence of counsel at the hearing at your expense;
- Your right to cross-examine witnesses;
- Your right to call witnesses on your behalf and to present evidence; and
- Your right to subpoena witnesses and documents.

If, after a hearing the Board finds that the allegations against you have been substantiated, it may revoke any license issued pursuant to Section 34-30-33(d) Code of Alabama (1975), under its authority, or it may return a finding that the charges have not been proved. Additionally, pursuant to Section 34-30-33(d) Code of Alabama (1975), the Board may take action to enjoin a violation of the law.

Your failure to attend this hearing will be considered as a waiver of your rights to be present.

Done this 29th day of June 2006.

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