

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD
OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
BRENDA (EWART) PHILLIPS)
RESPONDENT) CASE NO. 05-1952B-09
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DECISION

THIS CASE CAME to be heard as a result of a Complaint filed by the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners (the Board) against Respondent Brenda (Ewart) Phillips. (Last name changed after the receipt of the complaint) Prior to this hearing, the Respondent had been notified of the Complaint and had been given an opportunity to respond to the Complaint. Prior to the date of this hearing, the Respondent had been notified of the time and place of the hearing by registered mail.

The Complaint charged the Respondents with three counts. COUNT ONE charged a violation of Rules 850-X-9-.01(1)(a)2, 850-X-9-.01(2)1, 850-X-9-.01(1)(a), 850-X-10-.01(1)(f), and 850-X-10-.01(2)(d). COUNT TWO charged a violation of Rules 850-X-9-.01(1)(a)2, 850-X-9-.01(2)1, 850-X-9-.01(1)(a), 850-X-10-.01(1)(f), and 850-X-10-.01(2)(d). COUNT THREE charged a violation of Rules 850-X-9-.01(1)(a)2, 850-X-9-.01(a), 850-X-10-.01(1)(f). 850-X-10-.01(2)(d). While licensed by the Board to practice social work the Respondent was employed at the Dept of Public Health between March to June 2005 when the violations allegedly took place.

On September 8, 2006, the date of the hearing, the Respondent did appear before the Board representing herself. The Board produced Board Exhibits 1 through 8. The Respondent produced Exhibits 1 through 16, 18 through 20, and 22 through 25. Exhibits went into the record. The hearing was conducted with Administrative Law Judge Tori L. Adams.

CONCLUSION

The Board met on November 17th, 2006 and considered the recommendation from Judge Adams released on November 16th, 2006. The Board concludes as follows:

1. the Board has proper jurisdiction to hear the Complaint, and proper notice of the hearing was given Respondent.
2. the Complaint sets forth allegations which violate the rules and regulations as defined in Section 34-30-4 (a) 6 Code of Alabama, 1975 and Rules 850-X-9-.01(1)(a)2, 850-X-9-.01(2)(a)1, 850-X-9-.01(1)(a), 850-X-10-.01(1)(f), and 850-X-10-.01(2)(d), ASBSWE Administrative Code.
3. the Respondent was found not guilty of the violations charged in Count One.
4. the Respondent was found not guilty of the violations charged in Count Two.
5. the Respondent was found guilty of the violations charged in Count Three.

THREFORE, these premises considered, it is hereby

Ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the decision of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners is to suspend the license of the Respondent for a minimum of six (6) months and the Respondent is to pay \$500.00 for each of the four (4) violations cited: Section 34-30-4 (a) 6 Code of Alabama, 1975, Rules 850-X-9-.01(1)(a)(2), 850-X-9-.01(1)(a), 850-X-10-.01(1)(f). The Respondent is to pay the fine totaling \$2,000.00 to the Board of Social Work Examiners. The suspension of the license will be lifted upon full payment of the fine and the passage of the six (6) months. This disciplinary action is to be reported to the Association of Social Work Boards Disciplinary and Regulatory System and will be forwarded to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Done this the 17th day of November 2006, by a majority vote of the Board.

Brenda W. Holden
Executive Director
For the Board of Social Work Examiners

