

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT )  
AGAINST )  
Joshua Baldwin, )  
Respondent ) Case No.: No. 08-2285G-06  
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AGREEMENT TO INFORMAL SETTLEMENT OF VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Disciplinary Investigative Committee (Committee) of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners (Board) has investigated an Administrative Complaint filed against the Respondent Joshua Baldwin and has determined that probable cause exists to warrant filing formal charges against the Respondent Joshua Baldwin for having violated rules of the Board, and

WHEREAS, Respondent Joshua Baldwin has been notified of the Complaint and alleged violations, the Committee's determination of probable cause, and the right to have a formal hearing before the Board on the alleged violations, and

WHEREAS, Respondent having been notified of the alleged violations and the Committee's determination of probable cause, the right to a formal hearing before the Board on the alleged violations, waives his right to a formal hearing and requests an informal disposition of the alleged violations presently pending before the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners, and

WHEREAS, the Respondent has agreed to an informal disposition of the alleged violations, and in consideration of the Committee's promise to informally dispose of the violations, the Respondent agrees to the following:

- (1) A written reprimand for practicing above qualifications in violation of Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiner's Administrative Code, Section 850-X-9.01(b)1 and misrepresented professional qualifications in violation of 850-X-9.01(b)2
- (2) This agreement applies only to the present allegations, and has no bearing on any future complaints or allegations.
- (3) Nothing in this Agreement is intended to circumvent the law, statutes, or Administrative Code of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners.
- (4) The Board is required to report all disciplinary measures imposed, formally or informally, and that the Board has no authority to waive this requirement.
- (5) The disciplinary infractions will be reported by the Board as unprofessional conduct in violation of the *Administrative Code* § 850-X-9.01(1)(b)1 and § 850-X-9.01(b)2 .
- (6) In the event that the Investigative Committee has probable cause to determine that Respondent has violated any term of this Agreement, the Agreement is rescinded, and this cause will be set for an Administrative Hearing before the full Board.

- (7) This Agreement is and shall be deemed to be treated as a public record. In consideration of the Respondent's acceptance of the above-listed disciplinary measures and acknowledgment of a violation of the Committee, on behalf of the Board, agrees that the Board agrees not to actively pursue the prosecution of the Administrative Violations.
- (8) This Agreement must be approved by the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Board. The Respondent agrees to waive any objections, if a hearing is required later, to the Board receiving enough information about this case to approve this settlement.

IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by the Respondent and the Committee that the above-stated terms represent the complete agreement, and that this Agreement is binding once it has been signed by both parties, and that if any term is illegal or unconstitutional, the agreement becomes void.

SIGNED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008

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Joshua Baldwin  
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Tuscaloosa AL XXXXX

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Executive Director for the Board  
BRENDA W. HOLDEN

Date:  
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BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF RENEWAL )

FOR JOSHUA BALDWIN )

Respondent )

Case No.: 08-2285G-06

COMPLAINT

Upon consideration of the allegations set forth in this Complaint, the Complainant herein, the 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, Joshua Baldwin, 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, Joshua Baldwin, 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:

1. While being licensed by the Board to practice as a licensed graduate social worker, Joshua Baldwin was employed by the Office of Public Defender in Tuscaloosa County.
2. The Respondent performed work as a private independent practitioner without having the appropriate certification to perform this work and provided services outside his scope of practice and changed for his services.
3. These actions constitute a violation of the following Administrative Code Sections

Section 850-X-9-.01 (b)1, The social worker shall accept responsibility or employment only on the basis of existing competence or the intention to acquire the necessary competence, and Section 850-X-9-.01(b)2, The social worker shall not misrepresent professional qualifications, licensure, certification, education, or affiliations.

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

Done this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
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