

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE)
PROCEEDINGS OF)
CHRISTINE MANN, CSW-PIP)

License No. 6005

BOSW File # 297-2024; 299-2024
AGREED UPON DISPOSITION FOR
MANDATED PARTICPATION IN
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HPAP) AND
STAYED SUSPENSION AND WAIVER
OF HEARING

WHEREAS, CHRSTINE MANN ("Licensee") is licensed to practice as a Certified Social Worker-Private Independent Practice ("CSW-PIP") in the State of South Dakota and holds License number 6005.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Social Work ("Board") received two written complaints pursuant to SDCL § 36-1C-2, alleging Licensee violated SDCL § 36-26-32(4) or, pursuant to SDCL 36-26-32(5), Licensee has a physical or mental condition that endangers the health or safety of a person who is or will be entrusted to the Licensee's care without a monitoring program in place.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that clear and convincing evidence exists showing that, without proper treatment and supervision, Licensee's physical or mental condition may endanger the health or safety of a person who is or will be entrusted to the Licensee's care under SDCL § 36-26-2 and SDCL §36-26-32(5);

WHEREAS, the Board has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL § 36-26-2, including the protection of the public from unsafe social work practices and practitioners.

WHEREAS, Licensee and the Board have agreed to resolve the complaint received regarding Licensee in the manner set forth in this agreed-upon disposition and waiver of hearing pursuant to SDCL

§ 36-IC-6.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this agreement to provide for a resolution of the licensing issues presented by the Licensee's conduct, in a professional manner, without the necessity of further proceedings herein, and to provide a responsible resolution;

WHEREAS, Licensee hereby agrees to be mandated into the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") with terms and conditions to be determined by HPAP; and that contact information for HPAP can be found through the following website: <https://www.mwhms.com/hpap>;

WHEREAS, Licensee hereby agrees that the cost of participation in HPAP is to be covered entirely by the Licensee;

WHEREAS, Licensee hereby agrees to a Suspension of Licensee's South Dakota license, such Suspension to be stayed so long as Licensee is not unsuccessfully discharged by HPAP. If HPAP issues Licensee an unsuccessful discharge, Licensee's license is automatically and immediately suspended and the stay is lifted. When Licensee is successfully discharged from HPAP, the stayed suspension terminates;

WHEREAS, Licensee understands that a stayed suspension and this agreement is reportable discipline which will be published on the board's website, reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB") as required by law, reported to the Association of Social Work Boards ("ASWB") and any other applicable entity.

WHEREAS, Licensee understands that participation in HPAP is mandatory in order to maintain a license in South Dakota. To meet the terms of this agreement, Licensee must be demonstrating active participation in HPAP within five (5) business days of Licensee signing this Agreed Upon Disposition; and

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees and understands that any failure to comply with any aspect of the HPAP program and its contract, even noncompliance less than an unsuccessful discharge, will be reported to the Board for further action as deemed appropriate by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed as follows:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
2. The Board asserts the facts stated above. Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Upon Disposition but such does not, by signing this Agreed Upon Disposition, admit to the facts stated herein.
3. Licensee recognizes that this matter is of a nature that could constitute grounds for discipline of Licensee's license to practice as a social worker in the State of South Dakota under SDCL § 36-26-32(4) and/or SDCL § 36-26-32(6).
4. Licensee understands that Licensee has a right to a contested hearing case pursuant to SDCL Ch. 1-26 regarding this matter and that such rights under SDCL Ch. 1-26 include, but are not limited to: a contested case hearing before the Board, to be present at the contested case hearing, to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce evidence and testimony on Licensee's behalf, to call witnesses, to cross-examine witnesses, to inspect all documentary evidence submitted to the Board, and to appeal the Board's decision to the South Dakota Circuit Court and Supreme Court, as provided by law.
5. By entering into this agreed-upon disposition with the Board, Licensee hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives the above rights and agrees that this matter will be resolved according to the procedures outlined in SDCL § 36-1C-6 by an agreed upon issuance of a Mandated Participation in Health Professionals Assistance Program (HPAP) and Stayed Suspension.
6. Licensee has been given the opportunity to discuss this agreed-upon disposition with an attorney of Licensee's choice and *is* aware of Licensee's rights as outlined above. Licensee voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or other rights. Licensee is entering into this agreed-upon disposition voluntarily and without duress or compulsion.
7. If Licensee violates any provision of Licensee's HPAP participation agreement, Licensee understands that the Board will be notified, and the Licensee may be subject to discipline

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and reporting as determined by the Board.

- 8. If Licensee is unsuccessfully discharged from HPAP, Licensee's license will be immediately and automatically suspended, without the necessity of further notice, hearing, or findings and conclusions, such being waived through this Agreed Upon Disposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Agreed Upon Disposition for Mandated Participation in HPAP, Stayed Suspension and Waiver of Hearing is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as an Order of the Board in the above matter.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2024.

Christine Mann

Christine Mann, License

Date: 7-9-24

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 2024.

My commission expires Feb. 1st 2029

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Notary Public
(SEAL)



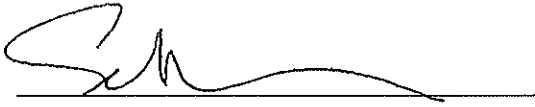
ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, the South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners having been provided with the above Agreed Disposition entered into by Christine Mann, CSW-PIP, and the Board finding good cause for accepting the above Agreed Disposition; it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Board accepts the Agreed Disposition and upon completion of the terms of the agreement will close its file regarding the pending complaint proceedings without further action, and without entry of findings in this matter beyond any specifically noted in the Agreed Disposition.

Dated this 19 day of July, 2024.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By: 
Susan Kornder, CSW-PIP, President