

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF)	BSWE 2019-267
PROFESSIONAL LICENSE OF JEFF)	
HURST)	STIPULATION
(CSW-PIP 3494))	

The South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners, by and through its attorney, Quincy Kjerstad, Assistant Attorney General, and Jeff Hurst, stipulate to the following:

1. During all times herein, Hurst has been and is now subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a valid South Dakota license to practice as a Certified Social Worker in private, independent practice—license number 3494.
2. Hurst is subject to the provisions of SDCL § 36-26 and ARSD 20:59.
3. A complaint has been made against Hurst alleging that he violated the code of ethics of the National Association of Social Workers.
4. The Board investigated these allegations and alleges that Hurst's conduct violated SDCL § 36-26-32(6).
5. The Board has the statutory obligation to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare set forth in SDCL § 36-26.
6. Hurst recognizes that the Board may approve this Stipulation, reject it, or modify it.
7. In the event the Board, in its discretion, does not approve this Stipulation or a lesser sanction, this Stipulation is withdrawn and will be of no evidentiary value and will not be relied upon nor introduced by

either party. Hurst agrees that if the Board rejects the Stipulation and this case proceeds to a hearing, he will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or any records or information relating thereto.

8. It is the intended that this Stipulation provide for a settlement of the licensing issues presented by Hurst's conduct, in a professional manner, without the necessity of a hearing or further proceedings.
9. Hurst has been given an opportunity to discuss this Stipulation with his attorney, and is aware of his right to a hearing in this matter, and all rights under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions, laws, rules, and regulations. Hurst hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a contested case proceeding under SDCL § 1-26, including notice, appearance, representation by an attorney, calling witnesses, or any other rights under the Constitutions, laws, rules, and regulations.
10. Hurst is agreeing to this Stipulation voluntarily and without duress or compulsion.
11. Hurst agrees that the Board's executive staff may present this Stipulation to the Board and disclose to the Board all items of its investigation, including, but not limited to, any communications with Hurst.
12. Hurst, by agreeing to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, does not admit the truth of any factual allegation raised in the complaint or of any specific finding of fact.
13. The Board will not issue any Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law regarding this Stipulation.
14. Hurst will undergo one year of supervision by a Board-approved Certified Social Worker in private, independent practice who will

report to the Board regarding his performance on a monthly basis, as well as any concerns as soon as practicable;

15. Hurst will complete three Board-approved credits of continuing education classes, equivalent to 45 contact hours of participation in a noncredit continuing education program, about ethics in the practice of social work. Those credits will be completed within one year. Hurst shall timely report his compliance to the Board's executive staff and will provide verification to the Board when those credit hours have been completed.
16. If Hurst fails to comply with those terms and conditions, the Board may move to revoke Hurst's license for failing to comply with this Stipulation.
17. Hurst will comply with the NASW Code of Ethics and all rules and regulations governing the practice of social work in South Dakota or any other jurisdiction in which he practices social work.
18. The Board will report the status of Hurst's license to the Association of Social Work Boards. The Board will provide the following language in the National Practitioner Database report when it states the reason for this Stipulation:

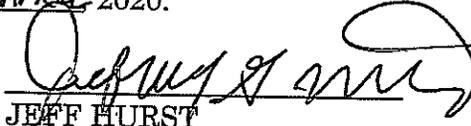
The Board received a complaint against Hurst alleging he violated the code of ethics of the National Association of Social Workers. The Board investigated the complaint and alleged that Hurst's conduct violated SDCL § 36-26-32(6). The Board and Hurst stipulated to an agreement to settle the matter, in a professional manner, without the necessity of a hearing or further proceedings. In agreeing to the terms of that stipulation, Hurst did not admit the truth of any factual allegation raised in the complaint or of any specific finding of fact. Hurst agreed to undergo one of year of supervision by a licensed social worker in South Dakota. He also agreed to complete three credits of continuing

education credits about ethics in the practice of social work.

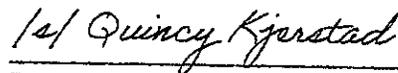
19. This Stipulation will be publicly available on the Board's website.
20. The provisions of this Stipulation, if approved by the Board of Social Work Examiners, will become effective immediately upon the Board President signing below. The Board's executive office will notify Hurst when that signing has occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Stipulation is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms and issue an order incorporating its terms in the above matter.

Dated this 8th day of APRIL 2020.


JEFF HURST

Dated this 7th day of April, 2020.


Prosecuting Attorney

The South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners meeting on the 9 day of APRIL, 2020 (approved) (rejected) the attached Stipulation (as written) (with the following modifications):

and issued its ORDER consistent herewith as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Stipulation is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners this 9 day of APRIL, 2020, by vote of UNANIMOUSLY


President