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Board Hearing for Robert Pruitt, Jr., LMSW
February 9, 2009

An administrative hearing was held on February 9, 2009 for Robert Pruitt, Jr.. Sandra Taylor, LCSW, Chairman of the board, called the hearing to order.

Board Members Present: Betty Rhodes, Kelley Williams, Kaylynn Barrett, Melanie Sletten, Nancy Streit, Mae Isom, Tealisa Allen

Board Members Absent: None

Board's Legal Counsel: Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General

Hearing Officer: Nicana C. Sherman, Assistant Attorney General

Witnesses: Ruthie Bain, Dr. Steven Domon, Richard Brazile, LaTonia Cross Tweedy, Louis Lefevbre

Motion: Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to find Allegations of Fact 1-8 as true and Number Nine as false. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion: Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to find Applicable Laws ten through 17 as true. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion: Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to find Charge Number 18 to be true and Number 19 to be false. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion: Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to suspend Mr. Pruitt's social work license for 12 weeks beginning on February 9, 2009. Upon completion of license suspension and Mr. Pruitt's return to employment as a LMSW, Mr. Pruitt shall be subject to two (2) years probation.

During the two-year probationary period, Mr. Pruitt will:

1. Submit the name of a LCSW supervisor and a supervision plan within 30 days of return to work as a social worker for approval by the Board.
2. The supervision period will not start until the Board has approved both the supervisor and the supervision plan.
3. Supervision shall consist of face-to-face supervision for a period of not less than one (1) hour per week on the following topics:
 - a. Boundaries
 - b. Power and Control Issues
 - c. Confidentiality
 - d. Dual Relationships
 - e. Professional Sense of Self
4. The approved Supervisor must submit monthly supervision reports by the fifth (5th) day of the following month documenting progress toward the goals and objectives in the supervision plan. Mr. Pruitt is responsible for insuring that supervision reports are timely submitted.
5. Mr. Pruitt will obtain twelve (12) additional hours of Social Work Continuing Education during the probationary period in the following areas:
 - a. Three (3) hours of Ethics on Boundaries.
 - b. Three (3) hours of Ethics on Confidentiality
 - c. Three (3) hours of Ethics on Dual Relationships.
 - d. Three (3) hours on Professional Sense of Self.