

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SOCIAL WORK**

vs.

STACEY MUISE

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-39.1-10 the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), the Board of Examiners in Social Work (hereinafter "Board") has investigated a complaint charging Stacey Muise (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 5-39.1-10 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about January 22, 2008 the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers did revoke Respondent's license to practice as a social worker for unprofessional conduct in that Respondent did have an inappropriate relationship with a client; that it was determined that Respondent's conduct fell below the acceptable standards of practice in the social work profession and undermines the public confidence in the social work profession.

The conduct described in paragraph two (2) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 5-39.1-10 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Rules and Regulation promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a licensed independent social worker licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in her behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein; and
 - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.

6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. That Respondent agrees to serve a period of probation for a period of two (2) years according to the terms and conditions set forth in this order.
8. That during the period of probation Respondent shall complete coursework in dual relationships and supervision utilization. Said coursework must be submitted for board approval prior to registration for the course.
9. That during the period of probation, Respondent shall submit to Board approval prior to accepting any job in a clinical practice.
10. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work during the period of probation and comply with the requirements of the Consent Order, she may apply to the Board for a license without probation to practice as a social worker.
11. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work and/or fail to comply with the requirements of the Consent Order, her license to practice as licensed independent social worker shall be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

2/25/09
Date

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Stacey Muise

3/3/09
Date

Charles Alexandre
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Chief, Health Professions Regulation