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VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
May 10, 2013
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Social Work ("Board") convened on May 10, 2013 at 12:48 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA, Hearing Room 5.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Blosser, Chair
Bernadette Winters

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Jennifer Lang, Discipline Case Manager

MATTER SCHEDULED: Sonya Barham, LCSW
Case No.: 142751
License No.: 0904002193

DISCUSSION: Sonya Barham, LCSW appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a notice of the Board dated April 2, 2013, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Barham was not represented by legal counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Barham.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a Motion by Bernadette Winters and duly seconded by Jennifer Blosser, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Sonya Barham, LCSW. Additionally, she moved that Jennifer Lang and Peter Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISIONS: Upon a motion by Bernadette Winters, and duly seconded by Jennifer Blosser, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Ms. Barham a Consent Order for suspension of her license.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Jennifer Blosser, LCSW, Chair — Date: 6/5/13

Jennifer Lang, Discipline Case Manager — Date: 06/07/2013