

STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

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STIPULATED AGREEMENT

I, Dennis Spitze, MSW, RCSW, hereby voluntarily accept the following disciplinary actions taken by the State Board of Clinical Social Workers pursuant to the complaint filed against me regarding unethical conduct and lack of competency in professional practice.

1. The immediate revocation of my RCSW registration;
2. The suspension of this revocation pending:
  - (a) Acceptance of the Public Letter of Reprimand.
  - (b) Receipt of clinical supervision by an RCSW from among five suggested by the Board for a period of not less than one year of not less than 50 hours, the primary focus of which is ethical conduct and appropriate professional treatment skills. The supervisor will provide a formal report of supervision to the Board every six months. Supervision will begin within 30 days of the signing of this Stipulated Agreement.
  - (c) The RCSW providing the supervision will send a letter to the Board at the end of supervision indicating whether I am aware of the ethical issues breached, whether or not improvement has been demonstrated, and whether my practice meets acceptable standards. If my practice as reported by the supervisor in this letter is not acceptable, my registration will be immediately revoked.
  - (d) If the supervisor deems necessary, I will seek therapy with an RCSW.
  - (e) I will write a formal letter of apology to J. W. [REDACTED] with instructions to her to notify the Board office of receipt. This letter is to be approved by the State Board of Clinical Social Workers before being mailed by Certified Mail.

I agree that revocation will be for a period of two years from the date of my signing this document and that the Suspension of this Revocation is effective so long as I demonstrate appropriate and competent professional practice and ethical conduct. Should I in a subsequent hearing be found guilty of further ethical violations and/or lack of competency in practice, the Suspension shall be terminated and my registration revoked.

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I furthermore, accept, understand, and voluntarily agree that the suspension of my revocation will immediately terminate following violation of any of the aforementioned terms. I will sign and return this Stipulated Agreement within two weeks of the date printed on the bottom or understand that a hearing will be set.

Signature on File in Board Office

Dennis Spitze, MSW, RCSW

Date: 12/15/89

STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

Signature on File in Board Office

James A. Hanson, Chairman of the Board

Date: 12/22/89

Signature on File in Board Office

Linda K. Frost, Chairperson  
Complaint Committee

Date: 12/22/89

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STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS  
PUBLIC LETTER OF REPRIMAND  
Dennis Spitze, RCSW

As a result of a complaint received by the State Board of Clinical Social Workers regarding the unethical conduct by Dennis Spitze, RCSW, an investigation by the Complaint Committee of the Board revealed the following:

The registrant engaged in the following unethical behavior with his client:

- Conducted therapy with "in vivo" act that was physical and sexual in nature.
- Demonstrated a lack of competency in understanding social work theory and the clinical treatment process; specifically, the professional skills related to therapeutic interventions, use of transference and countertransference, and termination issues.

Mitigating factors involved:

- Registrant's candid and truthful response to the Board regarding injuries resulting from the unethical conduct, lack of competency, and poor judgment in the treatment process.
- A sincere sense of regret regarding the pain caused to his client by the registrant.

The Board hereby finds the actions described above in violation of Board Administrative Rules Chapter 877 Division 30 regarding conduct, comportment, and unethical practice.

Additionally, the Board finds the registrant guilty of a violation of: OAR 877-30-005(2)(a)(c)

(a) "The Registered Clinical Social Worker agrees to serve clients with the maximum application of professional skill and competence."

(c) "The Registered Clinical Social Worker shall under no circumstances engage in sexual acts with clients."

Accordingly and pursuant to OAR 877-40-027(5), the Board finds that it has sufficient grounds to support allegations of unethical conduct, and to draft and negotiate the attached Stipulated Agreement pursuant to OAR 877-30-025 and 877-40-045.

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The Board wishes to note that it condemns this type of exploitative behavior and that this behavior is not representative of clinical social work practice. The Board is concerned about negative proficiency in social work practice and Mr. Spitze's inability to use good judgment in making therapeutic interventions for clients.

Because of the mitigating factors, the Board has decided to suspend the revocation. Should any of the conditions regarding the suspension of this revocation not be met, suspension will be immediately and permanently terminated and revocation will take effect.

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Signature on File in Board Office

James A. Henson, Chairman of the Board

12/22/89  
Date

Signature on File in Board Office

Linda K. Frost, Chairperson  
Complaint Committee

12/28/89  
Date

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STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

REVOCATION OF RCSW REGISTRATION

The State Board of Clinical Social Workers hereby revokes the registration of Dennis Spitze, MSW, RCSW, pursuant to an investigation conducted by the Complaint Committee of the Board regarding charges of unethical behavior and a lack of competency with a client.

This revocation is effective upon the date of issuance.

Dated this 22 day of December, 19 89.

Signature on File in Board Office

James A. Henson, Chairman  
State Board of Clinical Social Workers

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STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

SUSPENSION OF REVOCATION OF RCSW REGISTRATION

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The State Board of Clinical Social Workers hereby suspends the revocation of Dennis Spitze's RCSW registration pending full and complete conformance with the Stipulated Agreement.

This Suspension of Revocation will automatically and immediately terminate should any of the foregoing conditions be breached. Such termination of the suspension will be permanent and irrevocable in nature.

Dated this 22 day of December, 19 89.

Signature on file in Board Office

James A. Henson, Chairman  
State Board of Clinical Social Workers

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