

February 9, 1993

Michael Doster  
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Re: Complaint filed by S. D. [REDACTED]  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Reprimand

Dear Mr. Doster:

On October 24, 1990, the State Board of Clinical Social Workers (Board) received a complaint from S. D. [REDACTED], regarding your therapy practices with two different patients, S. D. [REDACTED] and V. B. [REDACTED]. Pursuant to its own rules, the Board, through its administrator, mailed a copy of Ms. D. [REDACTED]'s complaint and letter to you. The Board received correspondence from you in response dated February 8, 1992.

When the Board met on February 11, 1992, it reviewed the investigation file and determined upon the correspondence that the facts as presented in the complaint were essentially not disputed in your response. This being the case, the Board proposes to reprimand you for the following situation:

1. You and your wife (Carly Doster) provided co-therapy to individuals related by blood (sisters);
2. In the course of co-therapy confidential information, entrusted to you individually by D. [REDACTED], B. [REDACTED], or D. [REDACTED], was disclosed to the other sister without consent. More specifically, you disclosed in a meeting with B. [REDACTED] and your wife, information obtained in therapy with D. [REDACTED]; and
3. You engaged in dual relationship with S. D. [REDACTED] in that D. [REDACTED] stayed overnight in your home.

The above practices were in violation of OAR 877-30-005(2)(d) prohibiting dual relationships and ORS 675.580(1) concerning confidential client communications. The Board is charged with the twin duties, among others, of (1) to formulate a code of professional conduct for the practice of social work; and (2) enforcing the statutes and the rules. ORS 675.595(10) and (12). ORS 675.595(2) authorizes the Board to revoke, suspend or limit the practice of social workers licensed in the State of Oregon.



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The Board may also exact civil penalties for unprofessional or unethical conduct in the profession. OAR 877-30-000(2)(b), promulgated under the Board's authority to regulate the profession, prohibits clinical social workers from participating in or condoning a dual relationship which might impair the practitioner's professional judgment or increase the risk of client exploitation. ORS 675.580(1) prohibits the disclosure of client communication except when certain conditions are met. None of the enumerated conditions permitting disclosure were met in the above instance. The Board hereby reprimands you for these practices.

Upon being duly advised, I do hereby waive an opportunity for hearing on the above matter.

Signature on File in Board Office

Michael Doster

Date: 2-24-93

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993.

Signature on File in Board Office

Carol Ormiston, Chair  
Board of Clinical Social Workers

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