



BEFORE THE STATE OF OREGON
BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

In the Matter of

SHEILA WALTY, LCSW #11992

Respondent.

) Case No. 2024-56

) **STIPULATED ORDER OF DISCIPLINE**
) **AND ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES**

STIPULATION

1.

The Board of Licensed Social Workers (hereafter referred to as "Board") is the state agency responsible for licensing, certifying, regulating, and disciplining regulated social workers in the State of Oregon, including but not limited to Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Master's Social Workers, and Clinical Social Work Associates, pursuant to ORS 675.510 to 675.600 and OAR Chapter 877.

2.

At all times material herein, Sheila Walty (hereafter referred to as "Respondent") was subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. Respondent was licensed as an LCSW with license #L2340 from February 6, 1996, through June 20, 2024, and with license #L11992 from October 11, 2024, to present. Respondent's LCSW license #L11992 is set to expire on June 30, 2026. During the period of June 21, 2024, through October 10, 2024, Respondent was not licensed with the Board nor exempt from licensure.

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3.1 On or about March 2015, Respondent began providing clinical social work services to KS (hereafter referred to as "CLIENT"), including "relationship counseling, coaching, and work on navigating life transitions." Respondent stopped providing clinical social work services to KS in July of 2024 after realizing that her license had expired.

3.2 In October 2022, Respondent drove Client home after medical procedures.

3.3 In December 2022, Respondent drove Client to Client's recently deceased mother's home for Client to retrieve items from the residence on two separate days, spending the night of the first day in a hotel room with the Client (in separate areas).

3.4 In December 2022, Respondent spoke to another client on the phone, using headphones, while Client was in the car with Respondent and able to overhear part of the conversation.

3.5 From late 2022 and into early 2023 Respondent donated items for Client to sell in her online retail store Poshmark for the client to make extra money. Respondent received \$500 as a percentage of the sales of her items.

3.6 On July 30, 2024, due to a lapse in Respondent's license, services to Client were abruptly ended after nine years. This abrupt end of services resulted in Client resorting to use of the Washington County Crisis Team until an acceptable referral could be made and services resumed with another provider.

3.7 During the period of June 21, 2024, thru in July, 2024, Respondent engaged in the practice of clinical social work with clients on at least 23 separate occasions until Respondent realized her license had expired and ceased practice until Respondent applied for and was approved by the Board for a new license #L11992 that is set to expire on June 30, 2026.

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Based on the above, the Board finds and concludes, and Respondent stipulates and agrees that RESPONDENT:

4.1 Engaged in at least four separate instances of a dual relationship with CLIENT, each of which is a violation of OAR 877-030-0070(1)(b)(c)(d)&(f);

4.2 Did not notify CLIENT promptly and provide for transfer, referral, or continuation of service in relation to the CLIENT's needs and preferences when Respondent abruptly ended services to CLIENT as described in section 3.6, which is a violation of OAR 877-030-0070(9); and

4.3 Engaged in the practice of clinical social work on at least 23 separate occasions without being licensed or exempt from licensure, each of which is a violation of ORS 675.523.

5.

The Board considers the above conduct and violations to be serious and warrant Respondent cease practice of clinical social work by the expiration date of Respondent's license #L11992 on June 30, 2026, and that Respondent is not permitted to renew or apply for a license or certification with the Board for at least three (3) years after June 30, 2026. The Board has allowed Respondent to continue practicing until June 30, 2026, to allow Respondent adequate time to wind down her practice and transition clients to other practitioners.

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Respondent and the Board desire to resolve this matter by issuance of this Stipulated Final Order pursuant to ORS 183.417(3) and other applicable authority.

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Respondent understands, acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees to the following:

7.1 This Stipulated Final Order (hereafter “Order”) will be submitted to the Board for approval and is subject to and conditioned upon approval by the full Board.

7.2 The Order below, once issued, is a Final Order.

7.3 RESPONDENT may not apply to renew her license #L11992 nor apply for a new license or certification with the Board for at least three (3) years after June 30, 2026. In the event that Respondent applies for licensure or certification with the Board after a three year period, the Board may, as part of any review, consideration or decision on her application, consider the conduct in this matter and Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order, in addition to any other information obtained as part of the application process. Furthermore, in the event of future licensure, the Respondent could be subject to further actions in relation to this matter, including but not limited to supervised probation. This Order does not in any way restrict or limit the Board as part of its review, consideration and decision on any application submitted by Respondent.

1 **7.4** In the event that Respondent hereafter applies for and meets all of the requirements
2 and qualifications for licensure or certification with the Board, including but not limited to that
3 Respondent is in full compliance with the terms of this Order and all the requirements for
4 practicing social work in Oregon, and, thereafter, is issued a license or certificate by the Board,
5 Respondent shall contemporaneous with issuance of that license or certificate, be placed on
6 probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months and until further order of the Board as follows:

7 **7.4.1** During the period of probation, Respondent's clinical practice shall be
8 supervised by a Board approved supervisor (hereafter "supervisor"). The supervision must
9 commence with Respondent being placed on probation and is in addition to any other
10 supervision required by licensure or certification. The supervision must involve Respondent
11 meetings with the supervisor at least twice (2) a month for at least one (1) hour each meeting
12 that focus on client boundary and dual relationship ethical issues. Respondent is responsible
13 for all costs, fees, and expenses associated with the above supervision.

14 **7.4.2** Respondent must ensure full access by the supervisor to Respondent's
15 social work case and work records, as well as work performance records, and provide the
16 disciplinary supervisor with the authority to communicate directly with others as necessary to
17 ensure adequate supervision, including signing of any necessary confidentiality releases.

18 **7.4.3** Respondent must authorize the Board to communicate directly with the
19 supervisor and provide any releases necessary for that to occur.

20 **7.4.4** Respondent is responsible for ensuring that the supervisor provides
21 quarterly status reports to the Board during the period of Probation, and a final report to the
22 Board within thirty (30) days of the end of the period of supervision, regarding the supervision
23 provided to Respondent and the Respondent's compliance with the terms of the Probation.

24 **7.4.5** During the period of Probation, Respondent must also complete six (6)
25 additional hours of Board approved Continuing Education (CE) that focuses on client
26 boundary and dual relationship ethical issues. These additional six (6) hours of CE assessed
27 would be in addition to the amount of CE required to maintain licensure and must be approved
28 by the Board in advance. Respondent must within thirty (30) days of completion of each CE

1 course, provide written proof of completion and a report to the Board that summarizes the
2 information and lessons learned from the course and how Respondent will apply that
3 information and lessons to Respondent's social work practice. Each report by Respondent must
4 be in typewritten form, a minimum of three (3) pages in length, double spaced, with 12-point
5 font size and one-inch margins. Respondent is responsible for and must pay all costs, fees,
6 and expenses associated with this additional CE.

7 **7.4.6** Respondent, upon issuance of any licensure or certification, agrees to
8 not serve in any supervisory social worker role to include any subordinate employee(s).

9 **7.4.7** During the period of Probation, Respondent must also fully comply with
10 each and every term of this Order and all the requirements for practicing social work in Oregon
11 including, but not limited to, ORS 675.510 to 676.600 and OAR Chapter 877.

12 **7.4.8** Respondent is responsible for and shall pay all costs, fees, and expenses
13 to comply with the terms of probation described above.

14 **7.5** Respondent is prohibited after June 30, 2026, from engaging in the practice of
15 clinical social work within the meaning of ORS 675.510 in the State of Oregon, pursuant to ORS
16 675.523.

17 **7.6** Respondent is prohibited after June 30, 2026, from using the title of, or
18 purporting to be, a "social worker," or using any title that includes those words, pursuant to ORS
19 675.520.

20 **7.7** Respondent is assessed as part of the issuance of this Order civil penalties in
21 the amount of \$1,250 per violation for total civil penalties of \$35,000.00 for the twenty-eight (28)
22 violations found in section 4 herein, pursuant to ORS 675.540(2)(c) and 675.595(9) and other
23 applicable authority. Respondent understands that the Board is suspending payment of
24 \$31,500 of the civil penalties assessed in this Order provided that Respondent fully and
25 completely complies with all the terms of this Order and does not hereafter engage in any
26 conduct, act, or practice that violates the statutes and rules administered and enforced by the
27 Board (ORS 675.510 to 675.600 and OAR Chapter 877). Respondent must pay the \$3,500 in
28 civil penalties assessed herein within 30 days of issuance of this Order unless a monthly

1 payment plan is accepted by the Board or its Executive Director in their sole discretion. Any
2 monthly payment plan cannot exceed twelve (12) months in length and must have monthly
3 installment payments.

4 **7.8** This Stipulation and Order is a public document and a matter of public discipline,
5 pursuant to ORS 675.540 and other applicable authority. This document must be disclosed,
6 published and reported in accordance with ORS 676.175 (5)(a)(D), OAR 877-040-0050, and
7 Oregon Public Records Law.

8 **7.9** Any violation of the terms of this Order shall be grounds for action by the Board.
9 The Board has the right to take action against Respondent to enforce this Order, for any violation
10 thereof, or for other violations of ORS 675.510 to 675,600 or OAR Chapter 877 not stated
11 herein.

12 **7.10** This Stipulation and Order in no way limit or prevent further remedies, sanctions,
13 or actions which may be available to the Board under Oregon law for conduct or actions of
14 Respondent not covered by this Stipulation and Order, or against a party not covered by this
15 Stipulation and Order.

16 **7.11** Respondent has fully read this Stipulation and Order and understands it
17 completely. Respondent has consulted with an attorney regarding this stipulation and Order,
18 and has been fully advised in regards thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an
19 attorney prior to signing this Stipulation and issuance of the Order.

20 **7.12** Respondent stipulates to issuance of the Order voluntarily and without any force
21 or duress. Respondent states that no promises or representation not stated herein have been
22 made to induce Respondent to sign this Stipulation and agree to issuance of the Order.

23 **7.13** Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to notice and a
24 contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183), and fully,
25 finally, and forever waives any and all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise
26 challenge this Stipulation and Order.

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1 requirements for practicing social work in Oregon, and, thereafter, is issued a license or
2 certificate by the Board, Respondent shall contemporaneous with issuance of that license or
3 certificate, be placed on probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months and until further order
4 of the Board under the terms described in section 7.4 above.

5 **8.6** Respondent is assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,250 per violation for
6 total civil penalties of \$35,000.000 for the twenty-eight (28) violations found herein as set forth
7 in section 7.7 above, pursuant to ORS 675.540(2)(c) and 675.595(9) and other applicable
8 authority. Payment of \$31,500 of these civil penalties is suspended as set forth in section 7.7
9 above. Respondent must pay the remaining \$3,500 in civil penalties assessed herein within 30
10 days of issuance of this Order unless a monthly payment plan is accepted by the Board or its
11 Executive Director in their sole discretion. Any monthly payment plan cannot exceed twelve
12 (12) months in length and must have monthly installment payments.

13 **DATED, ISSUED, and EFFECTIVE** this 24th day of **April 2026**.



BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
State of Oregon

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: Amy Ashton-Williams, LCSW, BLSW Board Chair

Date of Mailing: 04.24.2026

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21 **COLLECTION NOTICE:** Pursuant to ORS 293.231, the Board will refer delinquent accounts
22 for collection by the Department of Revenue or a private collection agency within 90 days of
23 delinquency. Final amounts due may include collection fees imposed by the collector and the
24 accrual of interest, up to the statutory maximum permitted by ORS 82.101, in addition to the
25 unpaid principal amount. The Board may record any unpaid penalties or costs with the county
26 clerk of any county in this state, pursuant to ORS 205.125 and 205.126.
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