

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

In the matter of the License to
Practice Social Work of:

Olivia Toft Becker

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ORDER

WHEREAS:

1. The North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") is authorized pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) ch. 43-41 to license and regulate the practice of social work.
2. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline any license issued by the Board on the grounds set forth in N.D.C.C. § 43-41-10.
3. Licensees of the Board are required to complete thirty approved continuing education contact hours, including two (2) hours social work ethics, for each two-year licensing period. N.D.A.C. § 75.5-02-03-07(1).
4. Olivia Toft Becker ("Toft Becker") is a social worker licensed by the Board.
5. On or about December 17, 2019, Toft Becker submitted an application to renew her license, which stated in part:

The Board has adopted a continuing education audit system in which licensees will be randomly selected to submit verification of attendance for the required continuing education earned in this two-year licensure period. If you are selected for the audit, you will be notified by letter with instructions on how to complete the audit process.

6. Through the application for renewal Toft Becker also attested that the following statement was true:

I have completed or will have completed the hours of continuing education, including 2 hours of social work ethics, as required by N.D.C.C. 43-41-12 and N.D. Administrative Code 75.5-02-03-07 during the 2018-2019 licensure period. If the NDBSWE concludes that I have not complied with the requirements set forth in NDCC § 43-41-12 and ND Administrative Code 75.5-02-03-07, and the NDBSWE does not grant an extension or waiver under NDCC § 43-41-12, I hereby agree to waive my right to an administrative hearing and appeal pursuant to NDCC ch. 28-32 and agree that the NDBSWE may issue an order taking disciplinary action against my license.

7. Toft Becker was selected for a continuing education audit.
8. The Board sought documentation from Toft Becker demonstrating that she obtained the required continuing education hours during the preceding two-year licensing period.
9. Toft Becker stated that she attended three (3) continuing education hours, but did not provide any documentation confirming her completion of the required continuing education hours.
10. At its May 12, 2020, meeting the Board reviewed this matter and concluded that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that Toft Becker violated N.D.C.C. § 43-41-10(1)(d), § 43-41-12(5), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 75.5-02-03-07(1), and the Board decided to initiate a disciplinary action against Toft Becker's license.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Toft Becker's license to practice social work in North Dakota is suspended for a period of no less than three (3) months.
2. During the suspension Toft Becker shall complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education, including two (2) hours on social work ethics, and submit documentation of completing the hours to the Board.
3. These hours shall be in addition to the continuing education hours Toft Becker must obtain during the current two (2) year renewal period.
4. Toft Becker shall bear all costs associated with obtaining these hours.
5. Upon the Board's receipt of documentation of these hours, the Board shall determine whether the hours are sufficient, whether it will lift the suspension on Toft Becker's license, and whether any additional conditions shall apply to Toft Becker's license as a result of this matter.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2020.

NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
EXAMINERS

By: 
Cory Pedersen
President

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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY
CERTIFIED MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

Peggy A. Brunelle states under oath as follows:

[¶ 1] I swear and affirm upon penalty of perjury that the statements made in this affidavit are true and correct.

[¶ 2] I am of legal age and on the 14th day of June, 2020, I served an Order upon Olivia Toft Becker, by placing true and correct copies thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

MS OLIVIA TOFT BECKER
27385 CO. RD. 33
NEVIS MN 56467

and depositing the same, with postage prepaid, certified mail, restricted delivery, in the United States mail at Bismarck, North Dakota.

Peggy A. Brunelle

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of June, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC