

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: William Phillips, M.S.W.

Petition No. 881109-58-004

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, William Phillips, M.S.W., of New Haven, Connecticut, has been issued certification number 339, to practice as a certified independent social worker by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Chapter 383b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, William Phillips, M.S.W., hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, hereby admits as follows:

1. In the course of his employment as a social worker for the Yale Health Plan, he treated Anstress Farwell as a patient in psychotherapy;
2. During the course of psychotherapy treatment he referred her to his brother-in-law for the purpose of assisting in the furtherance of her academic career;
3. That Ms. Farwell and his brother-in-law developed a personal and romantic relationship which became an issue in the psychotherapy treatment with the respondent, and he did not discontinue therapy or seek outside consultation concerning this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services alleges that his introducing his brother-in-law and failure to take appropriate steps concerning the therapy constitutes a breach of the standards of Social Workers and violates Connecticut General Statutes §20-195p.

WHEREAS, William Phillips in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing. William Phillips, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of proceedings before the Department of Health Service, in which his certification as an independent social worker is at issue, the above allegations and this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Sections 19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-195p of the General Statutes of Connecticut; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-195p of the General Statutes of Connecticut, William Phillips hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That he waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter;
2. That he is hereby reprimanded.
3. That he understands that this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above <sup>WCP SWP</sup> conduct in any proceeding before an agent of the Commissioner of Health Services (1) in which his compliance with this same order is at issue, or (2) in which his compliance with §20-195p of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
4. That this Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive him of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
5. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department of Health Services at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.

6. That this Consent Order is effective when the seal of the last signatory is fixed to this document.
7. That he has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, William Phillips, M.S.W. have read the above Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

William Phillips  
William Phillips, M.S.W.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1990.

Susan P. Walsh  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of Health Services on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1990, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Stanley K. Peck  
Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance