STATE OF NEVADA

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

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Re: Accusation Packet

Chapter 641B of the Nevada Revised Statues authorizes the Nevada State Board of Examiners for Social Workers (Board) to investigate accusations against persons licensed by the Board. A written signed accusation must be received in the office before the Board can take any action. The Board Please complete the complaint form and return to the office with any pertinent information and supporting documents that may substantiate any violations of NRS 641B. In order for disciplinary action to be taken, an accusation must fall within the provisions set forth in NRS 641B.400 or in the regulations NAC 6418.200 through NAC 641B.225 promulgated by the Board. Please review the links under grounds for disciplinary on this page.

All accusations are carefully reviewed for potential violations. If potential violations are identified, an investigation will be commenced. After all the facts have been obtained and if it is determined that the social worker's actions may constitute a violation of law, the matter will be submitted for an evaluation to determine whether sufficient evidence exists for the Board to file a formal complaint against the social worker. If it is determined that no potential violation exists or there is insufficient evidence to file a formal complaint, the accusation may be dismissed. You will be notified of the outcome of this review.

If a formal complaint is filed, the matter will be set for a disciplinary hearing and you may be asked to testify. At any time during this process, the social worker may choose to resolve the matter by entering into a consent decree. A consent decree is a written agreement between the parties in which the person charged admits to certain violations and agrees to a particular disciplinary action. If a case proceeds to formal hearing, please be aware that from the time the accusation is received to the time a final decision is rendered could take 12 to 18 months or longer.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.