

**BEFORE THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS
STATE OF MISSOURI**

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE)	
FOR SOCIAL WORKERS,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	No. 2013-000299
)	
David Lipson,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

On June 7, 2018, the State Committee for Social Workers (the “Committee”) held a hearing to determine whether Respondent had violated the conditions of probation contained in the “Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Disciplinary Order” entered by the Board on July 5, 2017. The hearing was noticed to begin at 10:00 a.m. and was convened at 10:30 a.m. Per the notice served on Lipson, the hearing was held at the Missouri Council of School Administrators Education and Conference Center, 3550 Amazonas Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. All members of the Committee were present for the hearing. The Committee was represented by Assistant Attorney General Sean Harmon. Sharon K. Euler, Division legal counsel served as the hearing advisor. Respondent was lawfully served with notice of the time, date and location of the hearing. Respondent did not appear either in person or by counsel.

After full review of the record and the evidence and testimony presented at hearing, the Committee issues this Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Disciplinary Order:

1. The Committee is an agency of the State of Missouri, created and existing pursuant to Section 337.622, RSMo, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Sections 337.600 through 337.689, RSMo.

2. Respondent David Lipson holds clinical social worker license number 004065 that was current and active at all times relevant to this matter.

3. By Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Disciplinary Order (the "Order") entered on July 5, 2017, the Committee found that Lipson violated the terms and conditions of his previously ordered probation and placed his license on probation for 2 years, subject to certain terms and conditions.

4. Per paragraph 11 on page 5 of the Order, the terms and conditions of probation included:

j. In addition to the required hours of continuing education, Licensee shall, within the first 30 days of the Disciplinary Period, successfully complete the jurisprudence examination found on the Committee's website...

k. Licensee shall attend the September, 2017 meeting of the Committee at the date and time set by the Committee for which he will receive written notice.

5. Lipson did not complete the jurisprudence examination within the first 30 days of the Disciplinary Period.

6. Although the Committee provided Lipson with written notice of the date and time for him to appear before the Committee at the September, 2017 meeting, Lipson failed to appear at that meeting.

7. Lipson violated the terms and conditions of probation as set forth in the Order.

8. Per paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Order and Section 324.042, RSMo, the Committee has authority to impose additional discipline and/or vacate any discipline imposed in the Settlement Agreement.

9. The Committee takes official notice of its file in this matter.

10. The Committee properly set this matter for probation violation hearing and properly served notice of the probation violation hearing on Respondent.

11. The Committee has jurisdiction over this proceeding.

12. The Committee finds that this Order is necessary to protect the public.

THEREFORE, having fully considered the evidence before the Committee, the State Committee of Social Workers orders that the clinical social worker license held by Respondent David Lipson is hereby **REVOKED**. Respondent shall within 3 business days of receipt of this Order, return all indicia of licensure to the Committee.

The Committee will maintain this Order as an open and public record of the Committee as provided in Chapters 324, 337, 610, and 620, RSMo.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of June, 2018.

STATE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS



Tom Reichard, Executive Director