

**COMPLAINT NOS. 2024-00400 AND 2024-00524**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**ELIJAH STINGER**

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**BEFORE THE TEXAS BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**THE TEXAS STATE BOARD  
OF SOCIAL WORKER  
EXAMINERS**

**AGREED ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority under §507.305 of the Texas Occupations Code, §2001.056 of the Government Code, and 22 Texas Administrative Code §884.12(e), the Executive Director for the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council ("Council") hereby approves, ratifies, and enters this Agreed Order with the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of the Council, which have been approved and accepted by Elijah Stinger ("Respondent") and which constitutes a full settlement and compromise of the complaint currently pending against Respondent before the Council in the above-referenced and numbered matter.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is licensed as a clinical social worker (#56161) in the State of Texas and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Council.
2. On or about January 4, 2024, Respondent took a gender transitioning client from group therapy to a restaurant to celebrate the client's 18th birthday with the rest of the group therapy members. The other group members could not join, and Respondent ended up taking the client to the restaurant alone.
3. On or about February 26, 2024, Respondent took a client to get smoothies after the client reported symptoms of ongoing nausea, inability to eat, brain fog and headaches, and a recent visit to the Emergency Room in order to provide nutrition and prevent further mental decline.
4. Respondent failed to obtain written parental consent before providing group therapy to a minor client.
5. On or about March 2, 2024, Respondent raised their voice in an aggressive manner while escorting clients out of Respondent's office.
6. Respondent has completed more than 40 hours of continuing education associated with the violations in this order.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent voluntarily received a license from the Council and, therefore, is bound by the provisions of Chapters 505 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and the Rules of the Council, 22 Texas Administrative Code Parts 34 and 41.
2. Violation of the Council's Rules is unprofessional conduct and constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions under §§505.451, 507.301, and 507.351 of the Texas Occupations Code.
3. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Council finds that Respondent violated Council Rule 781.301(8) and Rules 781.304(a), (e), and (g).

### **ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:**

1. Respondent's license is hereby REPRIMANDED.

### **WARNING**

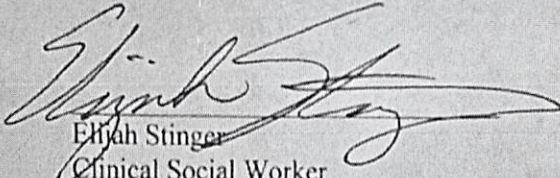
**RESPONDENT'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ONE OR MORE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF 22 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE §884.55 REQUIRING FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

### **WAIVERS**

On the underlying investigative file, Respondent has waived his or her right to an informal settlement conference, a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), and judicial review pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2001, in exchange for the conditions set out in this Agreed Order.

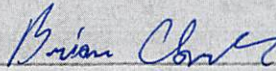
THE RESPONDENT, BY SIGNING THIS ORDER, AGREES TO ITS TERMS, ACKNOWLEDGES UNDERSTANDING OF THE FORMAL NOTICES, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW SET FORTH HEREIN AND COVENANTS TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLY WITH THE MANDATES OF THIS ORDER IN A TIMELY MANNER. RESPONDENT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HE OR SHE HAS AGREED TO THIS ORDER UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNSEL, OR THAT HE OR SHE HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS ORDER REVIEWED BY COUNSEL OF HIS OR HER CHOICE.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

  
Elijah Stinger  
Clinical Social Worker  
License # 56161

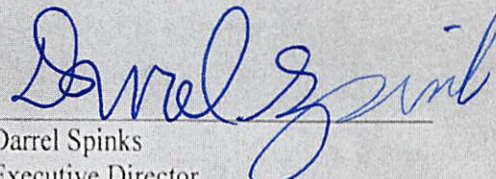
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FOR THE STAFF OF THE COUNCIL:

  
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Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council  
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Austin, Texas 78701

DATE SIGNED: 2/3/25

APPROVED, RATIFIED, AND ENTERED THIS 4th DAY OF February, 2025.

  
Darrel Spinks  
Executive Director  
Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council