

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE STATE
GREGORY HENDRICKS	*	BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
ADT No. 1065 (Expired)	*	COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
CSC APPLICANT	*	Case No.: 2019-092

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**FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL  
FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED SUPERVISED COUNSELOR**

On April 15, 2020 the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board"), notified **GREGORY HENDRICKS** (the "Applicant"), of its Intent to Deny his application for licensure in Maryland as a Certified Supervised Counselor ("CSC"), under the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the "Act"), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 17-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2019 Supp.). The Notice also informed the Respondent that, unless he requested a hearing in writing within 30 days of receipt of said Notice, the Board would sign the Final Order, which was enclosed. More than 30 days have elapsed and the Applicant failed to timely request a hearing. Therefore, this denial is final.

The Board denies the application based on the following provisions of its Act:

**Health Occ. § 17-509. *Denial, probation, suspension or revocation of certificate applicant or holder.***

Subject to the hearing provisions of §17-511 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license or certificate to any applicant . . . if the applicant

- (9) Knowingly violates any provision of this title;
- (10) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a

felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;

- (14) Is . . . convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes [;].

The Applicant violated the following provisions of the Act:

COMAR 10.58.07.07

D. To qualify for certification as a supervised counselor — alcohol and drug, an applicant shall:

- (8) Be of good moral character[;].

#### **BASES OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

The Board denies the Applicant's Application for the following reasons which the Board has reason to believe are true:

1. The Applicant was authorized to practice as an Alcohol and Drug Trainee, which authorization expired on May 31, 2017.
2. On April 15, 2019, the Board received an application from the Applicant for a Certified Supervised Counselor—Alcohol and Drug (the "Application").
3. In Section II of the Application, titled "Information Regarding Background," the Applicant answered "Yes" to the following question: "Have you pled guilty, *nolo contendere (sic)* (no contest), or been convicted of, received probation before judgment or had a conviction set aside for any criminal act excluding traffic violations)?"
4. On April 19, 2019, the Board received the Applicant's written explanation of

his criminal convictions which stated, *inter alia*, that, after eight years of sobriety, he began to hang out with old friends while using. In October 2018, he missed a court date and spent 25 days in a detention center.

5. The Board's investigation disclosed the following court records for the Applicant;

A. On February 5, 2019, in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, the Applicant pled "not guilty with an agreed statement of facts" and was found guilty of theft \$100 to under \$1500. The Applicant was sentenced to a six-month jail term, all suspended and given three years supervised probation commencing that day. In addition, he was ordered to pay criminal fines and court costs of \$57.50 by May 6, 2019;

B. On January 15, 2019, in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, the Applicant pled "not guilty with an agreed statement of facts," but was found guilty to the unauthorized removal of property. He was sentenced to incarceration for four (4) years, with all suspended, and placed on three (3) years supervised probation beginning that day, with criminal fines and costs of \$57.50 to be paid by April 15, 2019 and restitution of \$449.42 to be made to the victim by December 31, 2019;

- C. On December 11, 2018, in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, the Applicant pled “not guilty with agreed statement of facts” to theft scheme, \$100 to \$1500, and was found guilty and ordered to pay fines of \$57.50;
- D. On December 22, 2017, in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, the Applicant pled “not guilty” to CDS Possession—not marijuana and was found guilty. He was sentenced to a term of six months incarceration, all suspended, and placed on probation, with an end date of June 22, 2019. In addition, he was ordered to pay costs of \$57.50;
- E. On February 27, 2008, in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, the Applicant pled guilty to and was found guilty of forging documents; was sentenced to one-year incarceration, all suspended; and placed on one-year probation; and, fined \$57.50;
- F. On October 30, 2007, the Applicant pled guilty to and was found guilty of 2nd degree assault and was sentenced for five years incarceration, all suspended. He was placed on five years supervised probation and subsequently served with a bench warrant for failure to appear on May 9, 2008 as well as a bench warrant for failure to comply on July 3, 2008.

- G. On June 27, 2007, in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, the Applicant pled guilty and was found guilty of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault and was given credit for time served and fined \$57.50.
- H. On February 13, 2007, in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, the Applicant pled guilty to and was found guilty to forgery of documents and was sentenced to 365 days imprisonment, all suspended, and placed on one-year probation, with costs of \$57.50 and restitution of \$60;

#### **BASES OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

The Board denies the Applicant's Application for the following reasons:

6. As set forth above, the Applicant lists most of the above criminal charges, but attributes them to his addiction, which he claims that he controlled but relapsed, which led to more crime. However, the Applicant's crimes are serious, continuous and recent. As set forth above, by being convicted of and pleading guilty to felonies, as well as being disciplined for same, the Applicant is in violation of § 17-509 (10) (Is convicted of or pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside) and 17-509 (14) (Is . . . convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes).
7. As set forth above, by having pled guilty to, being convicted of felonies or

crimes of moral turpitude and being disciplined for same, in violation of §17-509 (9) (Knowingly violates any provision of this title) the Applicant lacks the moral character for licensure, in accordance with COMAR 10.58.07.07 D (8) (The applicant shall be of good moral character).

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated § 17-509 (9), (10) and (14) of the Act and COMAR 10.58.07.07 D. (8).

**ORDER**

As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders that the application to practice as a Certified Supervised Counselor in Maryland by **GREGORY HENDRICKS**, be and is **DENIED**, and that this Order is public, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol. and 2019 Supp.)

June 19, 2020

Date



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