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In accordance with the Civil Practice Law and Rules Article 45, Rule 4540, I, Connie F. Mitchell, Clerk II in the Division of Professional Licensing Services of the New York State Education Department, have caused this certificate to be prepared. I further state that I have legal custody of the official records of the Division of Professional Licensing Services and I attest that SANDRA YVONNE ALLEN is the holder of a license to practice LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORK, license number 036251 issued 11/04/1987, and is not currently registered to practice the profession in New York State. The last date of registration was 02/28/1993.

and the seal of the New York State Education Department this 12 August, 2010.

Connie F. Mitchell, Clerk II Professional Licensing Services

DATED 08/12/2010



Monday, August 16, 2010 1:22 PM

From:

"OP4INFO" < OP4INFO@MAIL.NYSED.GOV>

To:

"Israel Ripps" <iripps@yahoo.com>

When I did the original search I did include Allen-Simms and Sandra Simms. We do not have any one with the last name Allen-Simms or a Sandra Simms in our system.

Chris

New York State Education Department Office of the Professions Customer Service Team www.op.nysed.gov

>>> Israel Ripps <iripps@yahoo.com> 8/16/2010 8:21 AM >>> Dear Chris

To be sure we are correct concerning this individual's status it would be wise to broaden the search to include Sandra Allen-Simms and Sandra Simms her married names.

--- On Thu, 8/12/10, OP4INFO < OP4INFO@MAIL.NYSED.GOV> wrote:

From: OP4INFO < OP4INFO@MAIL.NYSED.GOV>

Subject: Re: Verify license

To: "Israel Ripps" <iripps@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2010, 3:13 PM

I have found two people in our system with the name Sandra Allen under social worker.

Sandra Yvonne Allen license number 036251 is a licensed master social worker. Licensed in September of 2002, she is currently not-registered to practice in New York State.

The other Sandra Allen has an application in for licensed master social worker but is not yet fully licensed.

Chris

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## Office of the Professions

## New York's Professional Misconduct Enforcement System

## Complaint Hot Line:

1-800-442-8106 or conduct@mail.nysed.gov

To ensure public protection in New York State, the New York State Education Department's Office of the Professions (OP) investigates and prosecutes professional misconduct in all professions except medicine (see <u>more information</u> about this exception). Professional misconduct is the failure of a licensed professional to meet expected standards of practice.

The Board of Regents, which licenses individuals in 48 professions defined in Education Law, is responsible for the final disposition of all disciplinary matters. You may search our site by name or by month of action for summaries of final disciplinary actions.

Professional misconduct is defined in Education Law and in the <u>Rules of the Board of Regents</u>. Professional misconduct includes the following:

- Engaging in acts of gross incompetence or gross negligence on a single occasion, or negligence or incompetence on more than one occasion
- · Permitting or aiding an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license
- Refusing a client or patient service because of race, creed, color, or national origin
- · Practicing beyond the scope of the profession
- Releasing confidential information without authorization
- Being convicted of a crime
- · Failing to return or provide copies of records on request
- Being sexually or physically abusive
- Abandoning or neglecting a patient in need of immediate care
- · Performing unnecessary work or unauthorized services
- Practicing under the influence of alcohol or other drugs

A range of penalties that includes censure and reprimand, fines (up to \$10,000 for each violation), suspensions and/or probationary terms may be imposed on licensees who have committed misconduct. The Board of Regents takes final action on the most serious cases of misconduct. In severe cases of misconduct, the Regents may revoke the professional's license. Information on uncontested determinations in which a licensee has been assessed a fine for committing an infraction of a minor and technical nature are available by phone: 518-474-3817, fax: 518-474-1449 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:op4info@mail.nysed.gov">op4info@mail.nysed.gov</a>, or by writing to the Office of the Professions.

OP's <u>Professional Assistance Program</u> allows licensees who abuse alcohol or other drugs to surrender their licenses voluntarily and confidentially while progressing through an acceptable course of treatment; it is available to licensees who have not harmed clients. Successful completion of the program may act as an alternative to disciplinary action.

OP also investigates <u>allegations of illegal (unlicensed) practice</u> in all 48 licensed professions, including medicine. Practicing a profession without a license and current registration is a felony in New York State.

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