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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Linda Crawford
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IN THE MATTER OF LINDA CRAWFORD TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF LINDA CRAWFORD CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2013: MAUREEN COOPER, DR. OTHA GILYARD, DR. TERRI HAMM, DR. CHRISTIN JUNGERS, AND MARY VENRICK.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Linda Crawford by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on August 6, 2013.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested within thirty days of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Crawford failed to make a timely request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals, 95 APE 10-1358 the case was presented to the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on September 19, 2013.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

1. Affidavit prepared by William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director, State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

2. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Crawford dated August 6, 2013.
3. Board Order to Ms. Crawford dated March 15, 2013

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) and (6) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has committed a violation of any provision of the Board's law and rules and has failed to perform properly due to the use of drugs or any other physical or mental condition. Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-02(C) states that the failure of a licensee to submit to a mental or physical examination order by the professional standards committee constitutes an admission of the allegations against the licensee unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the licensee's control.

Discussion and Findings

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals 95APE10-1358, all cases where a Board issues a Notice for Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact. In this case, Linda Crawford did not timely request a hearing after receipt of her Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Linda Crawford did not comply with the Board's order for her to obtain a mental health and substance abuse evaluation by April 18, 2013. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Crawford's license to practice as a professional counselor (C.1000068) is **REVOKED**. As Ordered by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. This order was a unanimous vote of the Committee members who voted on this case. Ms. Cooper recused herself from the vote and did not participate in the discussion or voting on the case.

It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12 may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board and in the court of common pleas of the county in which the licensee is a resident. If the party appealing from the

order is not a resident of any County, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the order appealed from and state that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with the law. The Notice of Appeal may, but need not, set forth the specific grounds of the party's appeal beyond the statement that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. Both Notices of Appeal must be received at the office of the Board and filed with the applicable court within fifteen (15) days after mailing of this notice of the agency's order, and in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119.12.

By Order of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.



James R. Rough
Executive Director

September 20, 2013
Date

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