



ADJUDICATION ORDER
in the Matter of:

Susan Rusinoff
1612 23rd Street, NW
Canton, OH 44709

IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN RUSINOFF TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

ON MAY 20, 2005, THE MATTER OF SUSAN RUSINOFF CAME BEFORE THE
FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD: DR. RANDI COHEN, DR. SUSAN HUSS, DR.
ROSE QUINONES-DELVALLE, AND JAN WHITE.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Susan Rusinoff by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on March 18, 2005.

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. Rusinoff 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 a hearing was held on May 20, 2005.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

Affidavit of William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director for the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

- A. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued to Susan Rusinoff, dated March 18, 2005.
- B. Complaint filed with the Board by Child Adolescent Service Center, Canton, Ohio, with additional documentation concerning Susan Rusinoff from Child Adolescent Service Center and from Families First, Canton, Ohio.
- C. Investigation correspondence dated October 25, 2004, from the Board with attached reply from Ms. Rusinoff dated November 23, 2004.
- D. Interview notes from an interview held on December 7, 2004, with Steve Polovick, Board investigator, and Ms. Rusinoff.
- E. Redacted computer printout from the Board showing Ms. Rusinoff is licensed as a Professional Clinical Counselor.

Respondent's Exhibits

1. Letter dated May 11, 2005, from Elizabeth Collis, counsel for Ms. Rusinoff

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) 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 laws and rules governing the practice of counseling and social work in the state of Ohio. Ms. Rusinoff failed to take reasonable steps at Child and Adolescent Service Center to ensure that her client documentation was accurate and reflected the services provided. She also failed to include sufficient and timely documentation in her client records to facilitate the delivery of services and to ensure continuity of client care. The evidence also supported that Ms. Rusinoff practiced on a lapsed license while employed at Families First.

Discussion

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, Ms. Rusinoff did not request a hearing after receipt of the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence presented. As Ordered by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, the professional clinical counselor license (E-2844) of Susan Rusinoff is REVOKED.

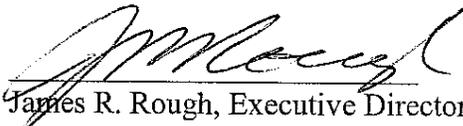
Motion carried by order of the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

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

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised code, you have the right to appeal this Order. The appeal must be commenced by filing your original Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 77 S. High Street, 16th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. A copy of the appeal must be filed with the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which the place of your business is located or the county in which you reside. If you are not a resident of Ohio and/or have no place of business within the State, a copy of your appeal may be filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Appeal filings must be received within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of this Adjudication Order. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the Order appealed, the grounds for appeal and must be in accordance with the requirements outlined in section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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


James R. Rough, Executive Director

May 25, 2005