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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Renee Golowenski
1009 West 10th Street
Lorain, OH 44052

IN THE MATTER OF RENEE GOLOWENSKI TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF RENEE GOLOWENSKI CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2008: DR. OTHA GILYARD, DR. SUSAN NORRIS HUSS, DR. VICTORIA WHITE-KRESS, AND JAN WHITE.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Renee Golowenski by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on August 14, 2008, by certificate of mailing after a previous notice had been mailed by certified mail and returned as "unclaimed".

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 or publishing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Golowenski failed to make a 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 November 20, 2008.

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. Golowenski dated August 14, 2008 (State Exhibit A).
3. Board order issued to Ms. Golowenski to submit to an evaluation (State Exhibit B).

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 Board's law and rules.

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, Ms. Golowenski did not request a hearing after receiving the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Ms. Golowenski failed to submit to a mental health and substance abuse examination to determine if an impairment exists, in violation of ORC 4757.36(A)(1) and OAC 4757-5-11-02(A), (B)(1), and (C). Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Golowenski's license to practice counseling (E-0007711) be indefinitely suspended until Ms. Golowenski obtains the mandated mental health evaluation and it is reviewed by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee for review. Final authority to lift the suspension rests with the Counselor Professional Standards Committee. Ms. Golowenski must continue to meet all applicable renewal requirements during the period of suspension should she wish to one day re-enter the profession. As Ordered by the Counselor 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, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075, 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 Rough
Executive Director

11/21/08
Date

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