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Ms. Hales completed the terms of the
Adjudication Order as of 12/30/2007

ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Carol Hales
3322 State Street, NE
Canton, Ohio 44721

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF CAROL HALES TO MAINTAIN
LICENSURE AS AN INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF CAROL HALES CAME BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR,
SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON
JULY 21, 2006.

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Carol Hales by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board on October 1, 2005. An administrative hearing was held on May 23, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 50 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, pursuant to Chapter 119 and Section 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code. The State was represented by Assistant Attorney General Peter R. Casey, IV. Carol Hales was present and represented by legal counsel, John Lindamood.

State's Exhibits

1. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated October 1, 2005, to Ms. Hales
2. Letter dated October 11, 2005, to the Board from Ms. Hales' attorney requesting a hearing.

- 3a. Letter dated October 19, 2005, from the Board to Ms. Hales' counsel scheduling an administrative hearing and then continuing said hearing.
- 3b. Letter dated April 3, 2006, from the Board to Ms. Hales' counsel scheduling an administrative hearing for May 23 and 24, 2006.
4. Copy of the Board's computer licensing screen with regard to Ms. Hales.
5. Letter dated November 15, 2004, from Ms. Hales.
6. Memorandum dated January 24, 2005, from Ms. Hales.
7. Memorandum dated February 7, 2005, from Ms. Hales.
- 8a through 12. Sealed per order of the Hearing Officer.
13. Memorandum dated January 26, 2005, to Ms. Hales.
14. Letter dated April 12, 2005, to Ms. Hales.
15. Summary of Investigation dated May 19, 2005.

Respondent's Exhibits

- A. Memorandum dated October 11, 2004.
- B. Meeting notes from February 16, 2005.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations prepared in this case following the administrative hearing. The Committee also reviewed the objections to the hearing officer report filed by Mr. Lindamood on behalf of his client. The transcript and evidence were made available to the Committee to review. The Committee finds that Ms. Hales violated Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(J)(1). The Committee accepts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law presented in the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations in their entirety. The Committee modifies the Recommended Order of the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations by the following:

The Committee Orders the following with regard to Ms. Hales' license to practice social work (I-0000452):

1. Ms. Hales' license to practice social work is suspended for one year beginning August 1, 2006.
2. Hales must submit a written request to the Board to be reinstated after her suspension ends.
3. Hales must take and pass a graduate level social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, part of a social work program from an accredited university, and pre-approved in writing by the Board's Investigation Unit. Hales must receive a grade of "B-" or its equivalent. Once Hales successfully completes this course, she must ensure official transcripts are sent directly from the university to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The transcript verifying completion is due in the Board office no later than December 31, 2007. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Hales.

This ORDER was approved by unanimous vote of the Members of the Committee who reviewed this case.

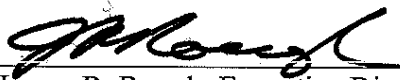
Motion carried by order of the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12, any party adversely affected by an order of an agency issued pursuant to an adjudication denying an applicant admission to an examination, or denying the issuance or renewal of a license or registration of a license, or revoking or suspending a license, may appeal from the order of the agency to the court of common pleas of the county in which the place of business of the licensee is located or the county in which the licensee is a resident. If any such party is not a resident of and has no place of business in Ohio, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County

This *Order* may be appealed in accordance with Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code by filing the original Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapy Board, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1425, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and also a copy of that Notice of Appeal with the Court of Common Pleas in the county of the party's place of business, or in the county in which the party is a resident. The Notice of Appeal shall set forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the Party's appeal. Such Notice of Appeal and copy shall be filed and must be delivered within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this *Adjudication Order*.

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


James R. Rough, Executive Director

7-24-06
Date

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