



ADJUDICATION ORDER  
in the Matter of:

Thomas J. Kraft  
5907 Acoma Drive  
Toledo, OH 43623-1319

IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS J. KRAFT TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED  
INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

ON MAY 20, 2005, THE MATTER OF THOMAS J. KRAFT CAME BEFORE THE  
FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER,  
AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD: THERESA CLUSE-TOLAR,  
GWENDOLYN DАCONS-TAYLOR, GLENN ABRAHAM AND MOLLY  
MICHELBRINK.

**FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY**

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Thomas J. Kraft by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on March 21, 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, Mr. Kraft 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 Thomas Kraft, dated March 21, 2005.
- B. Complaint filed with the Board by The Beacon Agency, Maumee, Ohio, with additional documentation concerning Thomas Kraft.
- C. Investigation correspondence dated January 18, 2005, and December 13, 2004, from Tammy Tingle, Board investigator, to Thomas J. Kraft.
- D. Redacted computer printout from the Board showing Mr. Kraft is licensed as an Independent Social Worker.

## 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. Mr. Kraft failed to maintain accurate and timely records for services provided when he was employed as a social worker at The Beacon Agency. Mr. Kraft also failed to cooperate in a Board investigation concerning the issues that arose at The Beacon Agency.

## 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, Mr. Kraft did not request a hearing after receipt of the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence presented. As Ordered by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, the independent social work license (I-8697) of Thomas J. Kraft is REVOKED.

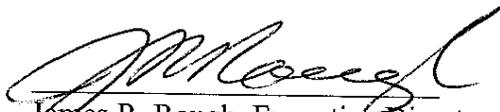
Motion carried by order of the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

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