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ADJUDICATION ORDER

in the Matter of:

Deborah Supelak
415 E. Maynard Avenue
Columbus, OH 43202

IN THE MATTER OF DEBORAH SUPELAK TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED
INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF DEBORAH SUPELAK CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON JANUARY 19, 2007: MOLLY TUCKER,
JENNIFER RIESBECK-LEE, AND KAREN HUEY.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Deborah Supelak by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on July 22, 2006.

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, Deborah Supelak 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 Social Work Professional Standards Committee on January 19, 2007.

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 Deborah Supelak dated July 22, 2006 (State Exhibit A).
3. Affidavit from The Columbus Dispatch showing dates of publication.(State Exhibit B).
4. Letter to Ms. Supelak from the Board dated April 28, 2006, and her response dated May 11, 2006 (State Exhibit C).
5. Copy of Phone Interview summation with Donna Davis (State Exhibit D).
6. Copy of interview summations with Marcia Heiman, Sherry Bishop, and Roberta Bishop (State Exhibit E).
7. Letter dated June 1, 2006, from St. Vincent Family Centers to the Board (State Exhibit F).
8. Copy of Computer Printout (redacted) showing Ms. Supelak has been licensed as an independent social worker since May 21, 2004 (State Exhibit G).

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.

Supelak did not request a hearing after the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing was published in The Columbus Dispatch.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Ms. Supelak did not take reasonable steps to ensure that documentation in records is accurate and reflects the services provided. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Supelak's license to practice social work (I-0010059) be **REVOKED**. As Ordered by 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, 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

1/19/07
Date

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