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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Linda M. Coleman
571 Mowrer Road
Circleville, OH 43113

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF LINDA M. COLEMAN TO MAINTAIN LICENSURE AS A LICENSED INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF LINDA M. COLEMAN CAME BEFORE THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD'S SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 21, 2016. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE LISA HABERBUSCH, ANNA BOMAS, ERIN MICHEL, AND DR. CARL BRUN.

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Linda M. Coleman by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board's Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on July 17, 2015. An administrative hearing was held on October 27, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in the offices of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 77 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, pursuant to Chapter 119 and Section 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code. The State was represented by Senior Assistant Attorneys General Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq. Linda M. Coleman was present and not represented by counsel. Ronda Shamansky, Esq., was the appointed Hearing Officer.

State's Exhibits

- A. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated July 17, 2015.
- B. Request for hearing dated August 6, 2015, from Ms. Coleman
- C. Continuance letter issued by the Board on August 10, 2015
- D. Scheduling letter dated August 11, 2015, from the Board to Ms. Coleman.
- E. Computer Credential View Screen regarding Ms. Coleman.

F-1. Indictment dated November 21, 2014 from the Court of Common Pleas, Fairfield County, Ohio regarding Linda M. Coleman.

F-2. Judgment Entry of Sentence dated April 1, 2015 from the Court of Common Pleas, Fairfield County, Ohio regarding Linda M. Coleman.

G. Written statement of Linda M. Coleman dated June 22, 2015.

Respondent's Exhibits

A. Letter dated November 3, 2015, from Joe DeLoss

B. Letter dated November 4, 2015, from Fr. Emmanuel G. Werner.

C. Letter from Laurie A. Henderson

D. Letter dated November 3, 2015, from Rev. Stephen L. Krile

DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendation dated November 19, 2015. The state's and respondent's exhibits were available for the Committee to review. The Committee believed that Ms. Coleman's actions were contrary the ethical standards expected of a licensed independent social worker in Ohio.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

The Committee accepts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation contained in the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations. The Committee believes that Ms. Coleman's actions are very serious and totally against the ethical standards expected of a licensed independent social worker. THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that for the reasons outlined in this Order the licensure of Linda M. Coleman as a Licensed Independent Social Worker (I.1302417) in Ohio is **Revoked**. This ORDER was approved by unanimous vote of the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee who reviewed and voted on this case.

Motion carried by order of the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board's Social Worker Professional Standards Committee. It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12 may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board and in 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 the party appealing from the order is not a resident of and has no place of business in this state, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the order appealed from and state that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with the law. The Notice of Appeal may, but need not, set forth the specific grounds of the party's appeal beyond the statement that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. Both Notices of Appeal must be filed with the Board and the applicable court within fifteen (15) days after mailing of this notice of the agency's order, and in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119.12.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Carnahan', written in a cursive style.

Brian P. Carnahan, Executive Director
Date: January 21, 2016

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