



ADJUDICATION ORDER
in the Matter of:

H. Darlene Brown
4210 E. National Road
Springfield, OH 45505

IN THE MATTER OF HELEN DARLENE BROWN TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED
SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF HELEN DARLENE BROWN CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD: DR. TERRY CLUSE-TOLAR, GLENN
ABRAHAM, ROCKY BLACK, GWENDOLYN DACONS-TAYLOR, AND MOLLY
MICHELBRINK.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to H. Darlene Brown by the Social Work Professional Standards Committee on July 22, 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, H. Darlene Brown 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 before the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on September 30, 2005.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

- A. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to H. Darlene Brown dated July 22, 2005.
- B. Complaint received by the Board on June 29, 2005.
- C. Court documents obtained from the Clark County Court of Common Pleas concerning Ms. Brown.
- D. Board computer printout concerning Ms. Brown

Findings of Fact

In About May 2005, Helen Darlene Brown was convicted of Theft, a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.02, a felony of the fourth degree, in the Clark County Court of Common Pleas, Springfield, Ohio.

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(5) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has been convicted of any crime that is a felony in the State of Ohio.

Discussion

The Committee, prior to rendering its decision, considered all the documentary evidence provided in the case. Ms. Brown is licensed as a social worker in the State of Ohio and as such the Committee has jurisdiction to discipline the license of Ms. Brown.

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. Brown did not make a timely request for a hearing after receipt of the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that for the reasons outlined in this ORDER, the social work license of Helen Darlene Brown (S-0015122) is REVOKED. This ORDER was approved by unanimous vote of the Members of the Social Work Professional Standards Committee who heard this case.

Motion carried by order of the 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

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, 77 S. High Street, 16th Floor, 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

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Date

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