

STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF Jerome D. Rutledge, TO BE LICENSED AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

This matter came for consideration after a citation letter was mailed to Jerome D. Rutledge, LSW, by the Counselor and Social Worker Board on June 14, 1995.

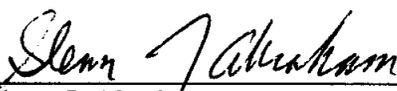
By letter dated June 14, 1995, notice was given to Jerome D. Rutledge, LSW, that the Counselor and Social Worker Board intended to revoke his license to practice as a Licensed Social Worker in Ohio. The letter indicated that he was entitled to a hearing if such a hearing was requested within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the notice. In accordance with section 119.09 the Ohio Revised Code, said notice was sent via certified mail, return receipt required to Jerome D. Rutledge at 2109 Elliott, Toledo, Ohio.

On June 22, 1995, Jerome D. Rutledge requested a hearing. The Board scheduled the hearing for July 3, 1995 and then continued the hearing. The hearing was rescheduled for January 11, 1996. Mr. Rutledge did not attend the hearing, but did submit additional information. The Board meeting in special session reviewed the exhibits and other documents submitted by Mr. Rutledge and voted to revoke his license as a Licensed Social Worker.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that for the reasons outlined in the June 14, 1995 notice, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, accordingly, the license of Jerome D. Rutledge, LSW, to practice social work in Ohio be REVOKED.

This ORDER shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of this ORDER.

The ORDER is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board for the 8th day of March, 1996.



Glenn J. Abraham
Chairman



Beth Farnsworth
Executive Director

March 8, 1996

Date



**STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

June 14, 1995

Jerome D. Rutledge
2109 Elliott
Toledo, OH 43603

In the matter of Jerome D. Rutledge

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

In accordance with Chapter 119 and Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board intends to revoke your license to practice as a licensed social worker. The Board proposes this action for the following reasons:

- (1) As of October 28, 1992, you completed a notarized application for licensure as a Licensed Social Worker, indicating that you had been awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in June of 1992. In fact your Bachelor of Arts Degree from The University of Toledo was not conferred until December 12, 1992.

This constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.13 (B) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-27-01 (C)(1) in that you knowingly made a false statement on your application for licensure.

- (2) As of October 10, 1992, your baccalaureate degree in Psychology from The University of Toledo had not yet been conferred by the College. Therefore, you failed to qualify for licensure under the related degree provisions of Ohio Revised Code 4757.09 (A) (3) (a) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-11-02 (C) (2).

PERIOD-Beyond, N. J.

**STATE'S
EXHIBIT**

Jerome D. Rutledge

Page 2

June 14, 1995

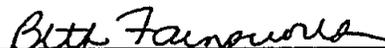
Chapter 4757.09 (A) (3) (a) requires that after October 10, 1992, applicants for licensure shall have a baccalaureate degree with a major in social work, a master's degree in social work or a doctorate in social work. According to the official final transcripts that were received on September 6, 1994, your degree was not conferred until December 12, 1992 and it is not a degree in social work.

Therefore, the issuance of your license was in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.09 (A) (3) (a) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01 (C) (2).

You are entitled to a hearing in this matter if you request such a hearing within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this notice. You are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or to present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing made within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this notice, the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board may revoke your license.

Copies of pertinent statutes and rules are enclosed.


BETH FARNSWORTH
Executive Director

Enclosures

~~P290305529~~ P290305546
Certified Mail #

~~JUN 14 1995~~ 6/20/95
Date