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ADJUDICATION ORDER
in the Matter of:

Gwendolyn Newson
2094 Parkwood Avenue
Columbus, OH 43219

IN THE MATTER OF GWENDOLYN NEWSON TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF GWENDOLYN NEWSON 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 MARCH 17, 2016: ANNA BOMAS, LISA HABERBUSCH AND DR. CARL BRUN.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Gwendolyn Newson by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on December 28, 2015.

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, Ms. Newson 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 March 17, 2016.

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 Ms. Newson dated December 28, 2015.

3. Audit information pertaining to Ms. Newson.

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(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. Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(20)(b) states that the Board may discipline a licensee who cannot present proof of thirty hours of approved continuing education when audited.

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, Gwendolyn Newson did not request a hearing after receipt of her Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Gwendolyn Newson did not successfully comply with the audit requirement after renewing her social work license through July 18, 2017. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Newson's license to practice as a social worker (S.0030572) is **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

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 licensee is a resident. If the party appealing from the order is not a resident of any County, 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 received at the office of the Board and filed with 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.

Brian P. Carnahan
Executive Director

March 18, 2016
Date

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