



ADJUDICATION ORDER
in the Matter of:

Darla K. Richardson
4000 Alpine Valley Parkway, Lot A1
Zanesfield, OH 43360

IN THE MATTER OF DARLA K. RICHARDSON TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED
SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

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

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Darla K. Richardson by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on October 4, 2004.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 registrants 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. Richardson 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 matter came before the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on November 19, 2004.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

Affidavit of William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director, Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

- A. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Darla K. Richardson dated October 4, 2004.
- B. Complaint received by the Board on June 28, 2004, regarding Ms. Richardson.

C. Letter dated July 27, 2004, to Ms. Richardson from the Board requesting an explanation and a letter dated July 29, 2004, from Ms. Richardson providing an explanation.

D. Phone Interview notes dated August 2, 2004

E. Investigative Summary dated August 20, 2004

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 or registrant who has committed a violation of any provision of the laws and rules governing the practice of counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy in the state of Ohio.

Discussion

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. Richardson did not request a hearing after receipt of the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee prior to rendering its decision reviewed all the exhibits that were presented by the State of Ohio. Ms. Richardson's blurring her professional boundaries is reason to discipline her social worker assistant registration.

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that for the reasons outlined in this ORDER, the certification of registration of Darla K. Richardson to practice as a social work assistant in Ohio is REVOKED. This ORDER was approved by unanimous vote of the Members of the Committee who heard this case.

Motion carried by order of 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 may appeal from this Order. Such an appeal may be taken to the court of common pleas in the county in which your place of business is located or to the court in the county in which you reside. If you do not have a place of business in Ohio and are not a resident of Ohio, you may appeal to the Court of Common Pleas in Franklin County, Ohio.

Such an appeal, setting forth the Order appealed from, and the grounds of the appeal, must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board and the appropriate Court within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this notice and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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



Rose Quinones-DelValle, PCC
Chairperson

November 22, 2004

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