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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

**Corry Appline
1377 Willshire Road
Lyndhurst, OH 44124**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF CORRY APPLINE TO MAINTAIN LICENSURE AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELEOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF CORRY APPLINE CAME BEFORE THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD'S SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE ON MARCH 16, 2017. MEMBERS PRESENT DR. OTHA GILYARD, DR. CHRISTIN JUNGERS AND RYAN PICKUT.

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Corry Appline by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board's Counselor Professional Standards Committee on May 20, 2016. An administrative hearing was held on October 18, 2016, and November 15, 2016, 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 Attorney General Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq. Corry Appline was present and represented by counsel, Brian Garvine, Esq.. Ronda Shamansky, Esq., was the appointed Hearing Officer.

State's Exhibits

- A. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated May 20, 2016.**
- B. Request for hearing dated June 8, 2016, from Mr. Garvine.**
- C. Continuance letter issued by the Board on June 13, 2016.**
- D. Letter dated July 7, 2016, from Mr. Garvine to the Board.**
- E. Scheduling letter dated July 22, 2016, from the Board to Mr. Garvine.**

F. Computer Credential View Screen regarding Mr. Appline.

G. Letter dated October 14, 2015 from Moore Counseling & Mediations Services, Inc. to Mr. Appline.

G-1. Moore Counseling & Mediations Services, Inc. Sexual Harassment Investigation dated October 7, 2015.

G-1.1. Statement of Stacey Litam dated September 24, 2015.

G-1.2. Statement of Paige Robertson.

G-1.3 Statement of Ina Gardener dated October 5, 2015

G-1.4 Statement of Stacey Hennessey dated September 25, 2015. (SEALED)

G-1.5 E-mail dated August 31, 2015, from Phillip Coe

G-1.6 E-mail dated August 31, 2015 from Phillip Coe regarding prevention and avoidance of sexual misconduct.

G-1.7 Moore Counseling and Mediation Services' Sexual Harassment policy

G-1.8 Acknowledgment statement by Mr. Appline to agency sexual harassment policy

G-1.9 Sexual harassment claims documented by Mr. Appline.

G-1.10 E-mailed dated November 10, 2015, from Phillip Coe regarding sexual harassment claim. (SEALED)

G-1.11 Witness Statements.

H. E-mail dated August 31, 2015 from Phillip Coe regarding prevention and avoidance of sexual misconduct.

Respondent's Exhibits

1. Unemployment Compensation documentation regarding Corry Appline.

2. E-mail dated August 12, 2015, from Stacey Litam

3. Statement of Ina Gardener dated October 5, 2015

4. Statement of Stacey Hennessey dated September 25, 2015. (SEALED)

5. Response to Allegations by Mr. Appline (SEALED)

DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendation dated December 9, 2016. The Committee also reviewed the Objections to the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations dated January 12, 2017. The state's and respondent's exhibits were available for the Committee to review. The Committee believed that Mr. Appline's actions were contrary the ethical standards expected of a licensed professional counselor in Ohio. His actions were inappropriate in a work environment and caused his female co-workers to be intimidated by him. His actions equated to sexual harassment of his co-workers.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

The Committee accepts the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Committee modifies the Recommendation contained in the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations. The Committee believes that Mr. Appline's actions are very serious and against the ethical standards expected of a licensed professional counselor. THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that for the reasons outlined in this Order the licensure of Corry Appline as a Licensed Professional Counselor (C.0600291) in Ohio is

1. Indefinitely suspended for a minimum of three (3 years) beginning on March 17, 2017. Dr. Appline must comply with all renewal requirements during his period of suspension if he intends to return to practice as a licensed professional counselor.
2. During the period of suspension, Dr. Appline must receive personal counseling from a Board approved independently licensed mental health practitioner for a period of two (2) years. Dr. Appline is required to meet with this mental health practitioner for a minimum of two (2) one hour sessions a month. All costs associated with this counseling are at Dr. Appline's expense. Dr. Appline must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the Board's Deputy Director to obtain pre-approval per this requirement. Once approved, the practitioner with provide the Board with quarterly reports detailing issues discussed in counseling and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. At the end of the two year mandated counseling period, the practitioner shall provide the Board with a report encompassing the overall counseling period. It is Dr. Appline's responsibility to ensure the Board obtains the reports in a timely manner. The mandated personal counseling must be completed before the suspension referenced in paragraph 1 above will be lifted.

This ORDER was approved by unanimous vote of the Counselor 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.



Brian P. Carnahan, Executive Director
Date: March 17, 2017

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