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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Adelaida Brown-Torres
3511 Leavitt Road
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IN THE MATTER OF ADELAIDA BROWN-TORRES TO PRACTICE AS A
LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF ADELAIDA BROWN-TORRES 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 NOVEMBER 16, 2017:
ANNA BOMAS, ANDREW BOWERS, 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 Adelaida Brown-Torres by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on July 21, 2017.

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. Brown-Torres 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 Worker Professional Standards Committee on November 16, 2017.

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. Brown-Torres dated July 21, 2017.
3. Communication to Ms. Brown-Torres from the Board
4. Report of Investigation (confidential under ORC 4757.38) and a media report regarding Ms. Brown-Torres.

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Sections 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 violated any provision of the Board's statute or rules.

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, Adelaida Brown-Torres 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 Adelaida Brown-Torres failed to cooperate in a Board investigation of her license in violation of ORC 4757.36 (C)(1) and OAC 4757-11-01(C)(18), Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Brown-Torres' license to practice as a licensed social worker (S.0700243) is **REVOKED**. As Ordered by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. This decision was by a unanimous vote of the Board members who reviewed and voted on the case.

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 Carnahan
Executive Director

November 17, 2017
Date

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