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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Matthew Snyder
758 Fairwood Road
Akron, OH 44319

IN THE MATTER OF MATTHEW SNYDER TO BE LICENSED AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF MATTHEW SNYDER 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 15, 2018: LISA HABERBUSCH, ANDREW BOWERS, ERIN MICHEL ANNA BOMAS AND DR. CARL BRUN.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Matthew Snyder by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on December 20, 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, Mr. Snyder failed to make a timely request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board*, 110 Ohio App.3d 124, 673 N.E.2d 677 (1996) the case was presented to the Social Work Professional Standards Committee on March 15, 2018.

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 Mr. Snyder dated December 20, 2017.

3. Consent Agreement dated March 16, 2017, pertaining to Mr. Snyder.
4. Letter received by the Board on November 20, 2017, regarding Mr. Snyder.

Conclusions of Law

O.R.C. Section 4757.36(C)(1) states that the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee can discipline a licensee for violating a provision of the Ohio Administrative Code. Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21) states that the Board may discipline a licensee who has failed to adhere to any conditions set forth in a Board approved consent agreement. On March 16, 2017, the Board and Mr. Snyder entered into a consent agreement where Mr. Snyder was required to engage in personal counseling for a two-year period. Mr. Snyder did not comply with this requirement.

Discussion and Findings

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board*, 110 Ohio App.3d 124, 673 N.E.2d 677 (1996) 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, Matthew Snyder did not request a hearing after receipt of his Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Matthew Snyder failed to comply the conditions set forth in a Board approved consent agreement. Based on this, the Committee orders that Mr. Snyder's social work license (S.1303414) 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 15, 2018
Date

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MATTHEW SNYDER
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

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This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between MATTHEW SNYDER, hereinafter, "SNYDER," and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD, hereinafter "BOARD," the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated therein.

SNYDER hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this CONSENT AGREEMENT and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the BOARD or any of its members, employees or agents.

SNYDER is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code on the issues which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, based on the Board's investigation, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. SNYDER is a social worker (S-1303414) licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. SNYDER received his social worker license on October 23, 2013.
2. In October 2016, the Board received a complaint against SNYDER'S license concerning allegations of violations of misrepresentation of credentials and a multiple relationship with a client. As part of that investigation, SNYDER met with a Board representative and admitted he was impaired due to his usage of alcohol and heroin, he demonstrated participation in an intensive outpatient program and admitted to multiple a relationship. This constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C) (1), and O.A.C. 4757-5-05 and 4757-5-03 (A).

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any other formal disciplinary proceedings, **SNYDER** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **SNYDER'S** license to practice as a social worker (S-1303414) is suspended from March 17, 2017, through March 17, 2019.

2. During the period of suspension, **SNYDER** must receive personal counseling from a **BOARD** approved independently licensed mental health practitioner for a period of two (2) years. **SNYDER** is required to meet with this mental health practitioner for a minimum of two (2) one hour sessions a month, and follow any treatment recommendations. All costs associated with this counseling are at **SNYDER'S** expense. **SNYDER** must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director no later than April 30, 2017, to obtain pre-approval per this requirement. Once approved, the practitioner will 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, and **SNYDER'S** compliance with treatment recommendations. It is **SNYDER'S** responsibility to ensure the Board obtains the reports in a timely manner.

4. Should **SNYDER** not fully comply with all requirements of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, the **BOARD** will initiate further and likely more severe penalties.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By his signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **SNYDER** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **SNYDER** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** or of any information relating thereto.

SNYDER hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code Section 3123.41 et seq. the **BOARD** may be required to provide SNYDER'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March 2017, meeting.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:

Matthew J. Snyder, LSW
Matthew Snyder, LSW

Christine Jones
for Matthew J. Paylo, Ph.D., LPCC-S
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3/2/2017
Date

3/16/17
Date