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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Christopher L. Meacham
2324 Madison Road, #407
Cincinnati, OH 45208

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF CHRISTOPHER MEACHAM TO MAINTAIN LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER L. MEACHAM CAME BEFORE THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON JANUARY 17, 2008.

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Christopher L. Meacham by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board on October 2, 2007. An administrative hearing was held on January 17, 2008, in the offices of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 50 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, pursuant to Chapter 119 and Section 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code. The State was represented by Assistant Attorney General Peter R. Casey, IV. Mr. Meacham was present and not represented by legal counsel.

State's Exhibits

1. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated October 2, 2007, to Christopher Meacham
2. Letter dated October 29, 2007, to the Board from Dr. Meacham requesting a hearing.

3A. Letter dated November 1, 2007, from the Board to Dr. Meacham scheduling an administrative hearing and then continuing said hearing.

3B. Letter dated November 29, 2007, from the Board to Dr. Meacham scheduling an administrative hearing for January 17, 2008.

4. Letter dated July 20, 2007, from the Board to Bethesda Oak Hospital regarding Christopher Meacham

5A. Letter dated July 20, 2007, from the Board to Dr. Meacham ordering an impairment evaluation due by August 24, 2007.

5B. Letter dated September 10, 2007, from the Board to Dr. Meacham ordering an impairment evaluation due by October 1, 2007

6. Letter dated October 30, 2007, from Bethesda Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs to Dr. Meacham.

Respondent's Exhibits

A. Continuing Care Plan, Individualized Treatment Plan and statistical information supplied by Questhouse regarding Dr. Meacham.

B. Daily/Weekly Schedule of Questhouse, Inc.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the documented evidence and heard the testimony of the witnesses in the case of Christopher Meacham. The Committee finds that Dr. Meacham violated Ohio Revised Code Sections 4757.36(A)(1) and (6) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-02(C) since he did not have the mandatory evaluation/assessment completed as ordered by the Board and suffers from an impairment that renders him incapable of professionally functioning as a licensed professional clinical counselor.

Based on the facts of this case, the Committee Orders the following with regard to Dr. Meacham's license to practice counseling (E-0002045):

1. Dr. Christopher Meacham's license to practice counseling is indefinitely suspended beginning immediately for a minimum of two (2) years.
2. The Counselor Professional Standards Committee hereby orders Dr. Christopher Meacham to submit to a mental health and substance abuse examination, at his

expense, to determine the extent of the impairment. Dr. Meacham is ordered to contact Dr. Joe Janesz or his staff, The Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Avenue/P57, Cleveland, Ohio 44195, telephone 216-444-2199, to coordinate his appointment. Dr. Meacham is advised the Board will be receiving a copy of the evaluation once completed. The evaluation must be completed and received by the Board no later than August 1, 2008.

3. Dr. Meacham must follow-through with any recommendations and treatment from The Cleveland Clinic, to include counseling and after care. After-care must include random toxicology screens.

4. After a minimum of two years, Dr. Meacham can request a meeting with the Counselor Professional Standards Committee to request having the suspension of his license lifted. Dr. Meacham should be able to provide written documentation that he is in compliance with his after care treatment directly from any programs he has attended. The Committee reserves the right to request additional information before rendering a decision. The final decision to lift the suspension rests with the Committee.

5. Dr. Meacham must continue to follow normal renewal procedures during his suspension in order for him to be able to return to practice.

This ORDER was approved by unanimous vote of the Members of the Committee who reviewed this case.

Motion carried by order of the Counselor Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12, any party adversely affected by an order of an agency issued pursuant to an adjudication denying an applicant admission to an examination, or denying the issuance or renewal of a license or registration of a license, or revoking or suspending a license, may appeal from the order of the agency to 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 any such party is not a resident of and has no place of business in Ohio, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County

This *Order* may be appealed in accordance with Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code by filing the original Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075, Columbus,

Ohio 43215, and also a copy of that Notice of Appeal with the Court of Common Pleas in the county of the party's place of business, or in the county in which the party is a resident. The Notice of Appeal shall set forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the Party's appeal. Such Notice of Appeal and copy shall be filed and must be delivered within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this *Adjudication Order*.

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



James R. Rough, Executive Director

1/22/08
Date

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