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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Jessica Smith-Evans, PCC
Milestones 4 Life
3400 North High Street, Suite 130
Columbus, OH 43202

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF JESSICA SMITH-EVANS TO MAINTAIN LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF JESSICA SMITH EVANS CAME BEFORE THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON JULY 16, 2009.

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Jessica Smith-Evans by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board on May 16, 2008. An administrative hearing was held on December 16, 2008, and continued until March 31, 2009, at 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 Melissa Wilburn. Dr. Smith-Evans was present on both days and she was represented by legal counsel, John Yaklevich, on December 16, 2008, and was pro se on March 31, 2009.

State's Exhibits

- A. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated May 16, 2008, to Dr. Smith-Evans
- B. Board Credential View Screen pertaining to Jessica S. Evans
- C. Board order dated January 18, 2008, to Dr. Smith-Evans to obtain an evaluation.
- D. Letter dated June 25, 2008, from the Cleveland Clinic

E. Information from personnel at Comp Drug, Inc.

F-1. Letter dated August 7, 2007, to the Board from Dr. Smith-Evans.

F-2. Information from Dr. Smith-Evans' personnel file at Comp Drug, Inc, and information supplied by Dr. Smith-Evans.

F-3. Letter dated June 11, 2008, to the Board from Dr. Smith-Evans requesting a hearing.

Respondent's Exhibits

1. Copy of Case No. 09CVC03 4661 filed in the Franklin Court of Common Pleas
2. Respondent's Arguments contra to testimony given at first half of licensure hearing.
3. Letter dated February 17, 2009, to the Board from Dr. Smith-Evans.
4. Letter dated March 17, 2009, to Ms. Yaklevich from Dr. Smith-Evans.
5. Letter dated March 25, 2009, to the Board from Dr. Smith-Evans.
6. Request for continuance from Dr. Smith-Evans.
7. Letter dated December 4, 2007, from the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio to Jessica Smith-Evans.
8. Excerpt from the minutes of the Board's Social Work Professional Standards Committee.
9. Letter dated May 10, 2007, from Comp Drug to Jessica Smith-Evans.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations prepared in this case following the administrative hearing. Dr. Smith-Evans did not submit objections to the Report and Recommendations. The evidence was made available to the Committee to review. The Committee finds that Jessica Smith-Evans, PCC, violated Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and (6) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-02(C) in that Dr. Smith-Evans did not go to an evaluation that was ordered by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee. The Committee accepts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law presented in the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations in their entirety. The professional clinical

counselor work license (E.0003553) of Jessica Smith-Evans is Indefinitely Suspended until she obtains a Board pre-approved evaluation, at her expense. Dr. Smith-Evans must contact Candace Risen, LISW, at The Program for Professionals (PFP), Center for Marital and Sexual Health, 23230 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 350, Beachwood, OH 44122. Telephone 216-831-2900. Dr. Smith-Evans must notify the Board at least 5 business days in advance of her appointment so as the Board can coordinate with the PFP. The Counselor Professional Standards Committee will review the evaluation and render a decision whether to lift the suspension and if other requirements should be put into place. The final authority to lift the suspension lies with the Counselor Professional Standards Committee.

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 Therapy 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

7-17-09

Date

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