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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Randall Betts
8425 Springston Lane
Worthington, OH 43235

IN THE MATTER OF RANDALL S. BETTS TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF RANDALL BETTS 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 SEPTEMBER 17, 2009: TIMOTHY BRADY, JENNIFER RIESECK-LEE, KAREN HUEY, ROBERT NELSON, AND MOLLY TUCKER.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Randall Betts by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on July 17, 2009.

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. Betts 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 Work Professional Standards Committee on September 17, 2009.

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. Betts dated July 17, 2009.
3. Evidence gathered where Mr. Betts purports to be Licensed Independent Social Worker
4. Consent Agreement entered into by the Board and Mr. Betts in September 2001
5. Board Credentialing Screen concerning Mr. Betts.

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has committed a violation of any provision of the Board's law and rules. The evidence is unequivocal that Mr. Betts misrepresented his professional credentials by holding himself out as an independent social worker (LISW) when he holds a social work license (LSW) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-02(A)(1).

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, Mr. Betts 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 Mr. Betts in April and July 2009 misrepresented his professional credentials. Based on this, the Committee orders that Mr. Betts' license to practice as a social worker (S-0005159) is **REVOKED**. As Ordered by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

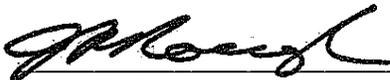
It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

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

9-18-09

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
RANDALL S. BETTS
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between RANDALL S. BETTS, hereinafter, "**BETTS**", and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD, hereinafter "**BOARD**", the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

BETTS 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.

BETTS 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. Should **BETTS** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **BETTS** knowingly waives his rights under ORC Chapter 119.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, 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. **BETTS** is a social worker (S-5159) 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. **BETTS** received his social work license on June 11, 1988.

2. **BETTS** was employed at Grady Memorial Hospital, Delaware, Ohio, from April 1, 1998 through February 19, 2001. **BETTS** falsified the records of several clients by forging the signatures of physicians in various documents in order to secure the transfer of patients to nursing homes and to order durable medical equipment. **BETTS'** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1).
3. From on or about January 16, 2001, through February 19, 2001, and on April 30, 1998, while **BETTS** was employed at Grady Memorial Hospital, he misrepresented his professional credentials by signing "LISW" when he does not hold an Independent Social Work license. **BETTS'** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(1).
4. During the course of **BETTS'** employment at Grady Memorial Hospital, **BETTS** altered his social worker renewal cards so that it read he was an Independent Social Worker instead of a Social Worker. **BETTS'** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(B)(2).
5. **Betts** admits the statements referenced in paragraphs 1 through 4 referenced above.

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

1. **BETTS'** social work license is SUSPENDED for two (2) years from the date of this Consent Agreement.

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, **BETTS** 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. **BETTS** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, she will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto.

If, following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, **BETTS** is found by the **BOARD** to have violated any terms of this Consent Agreement, the **BOARD** may impose any penalty up to and including REVOCATION of **BETTS'S** ~~professional clinical counselor~~ license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **BETTS** may not appeal this action.

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BETTS 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 2301.373(E), the **BOARD** may be required to provide **BETTS'** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its September, 2001, meeting.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Randall S. Betts

Randall S. Betts

Jane Daroff LISW

Jane Daroff, LISW

Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

8-22-01

Date

9/21/01

Date

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Counsel for Mr. Betts

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