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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Anjanette M. Fischer
535 W. Highland Avenue, #1
Wooster, OH 44691

IN THE MATTER OF ANJANETTE M. FISCHER TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF ANJANETTE M. FISCHER 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 MAY 15, 2008: MOLLY TUCKER, JENNIFER RIESBECK-LEE, TIM BRADY, ROBERT NELSON, AND KAREN HUEY.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Anjanette M. Fischer by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on February 13, 2008.

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 or publishing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Fischer did not 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 May 15, 2008.

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 Anjanette Fischer dated February 13, 2008 (State Exhibit A).
3. Letter from Wayne County Children Services dated September 4, 2007 (State Exhibit B).
4. Letters to Ms. Fischer from the Board dated October 24, 2007, and November 13, 2007 (State Exhibit C).
5. Letter received by the Board via Fax from Ms. Fischer dated February 21, 2008 (State Exhibit D).

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.

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, Ms. Fischer did not request a hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Ms. Fischer did not maintain appropriate standards of care required of a licensed social worker in that she failed to review approximately 196 voice mails in her professional voice-mail account which negatively affected the continuity of care of her clients. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Fischer's license to practice social work (S-0021874) be **REVOKED**. Mr. Brady recused himself from any discussion or voting with regard to this case. This decision was by unanimous decision of the Committee members who voted on this case. 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

Pursuant to Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised code, you have the right to appeal this Order. The appeal must be commenced by filing your 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. A copy of the appeal must be filed with the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which the place of your business is located or the county in which you reside. If you are not a resident of Ohio and/or have no place of business within the State, a copy of your appeal may be filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Appeal filings must be received within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of this Adjudication Order. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the Order appealed, the grounds for appeal and must be in accordance with the requirements outlined in section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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


James Rough
Executive Director

5-16-08
Date

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