



## *Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board*

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BETWEEN APRIL 1997 AND MARCH 2004 MCGOWAN SUBMITTED FALSE BILLINGS FOR PAYMENT TO HER EMPLOYER, VALLEY COUNSELING SERVICES, IN VIOLATION OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (OAC) RULE 4757-5-01(I) (1), WHICH REQUIRES THE SOCIAL WORKER TO "TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT DOCUMENTATION IN RECORDS IS ACCURATE AND REFLECTS THE SERVICES PROVIDED." SUSPENDED 12/18/2005 - 12/31/2005 Ms. McGowan completed the terms of the Adjudication Order as of 1/9/2009.

### ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Marilyn McGowan  
243 Terre Hill Drive  
Cortland, OH 44410

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF MARILYN MCGOVERN TO MAINTAIN LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF MARILYN MCGOVERN CAME BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2005.

### FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Marilyn McGowan by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board on January 24, 2005. An administrative hearing was held on September 8, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in the offices of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 77 S. High 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. Marilyn McGowan was present and represented by legal counsel, Gregg Rossi.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations prepared in this case following the administrative hearing, and attached to this Order. The Committee finds that Ms. McGowan violated Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4757-5-01(I)(1), and accepts the Hearing Officer Report and Recommendations in its entirety.

The Committee Orders the following with regard to Ms. McGowan's license to practice social work (S-23956):

1. Ms. McGowan's social work license is suspended for two weeks from December 18, 2005, through December 31, 2005.
2. Ms. McGowan must take 6 hours of continued education hours in the area of record keeping/professional social work ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After McGowan completes these continued education hours, she must send copies of the attendance certificates to the Board's Deputy Director. McGowan has until December 31, 2006, to complete this requirement. The 6 hours earned from these CEUs will not count toward McGowan's renewal of her social work license. All costs associated with this requirement are at McGowan's expense.
3. McGowan must inform the Board's Deputy Director in writing where she is employed. McGowan must be supervised by a supervisor pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee for a two year period. The pre-approved supervisor must send the Board a written report every 6 months detailing the aspects of professional supervision and McGowan's record keeping practices. The two-year period of supervision will not commence until McGowan's supervisor is approved by the Board. It is McGowan's responsibility to ensure that all reports all submitted to the Board in a timely manner. All costs, if any, are at McGowan's expense.

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

Motion carried by order of the Social Worker 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, 77 S. High Street, 16th Floor, 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.



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James R. Rough, Executive Director

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