

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NUMBER: 01-013
)	
WILLIAM J. SCHNOEBELEN,)	STATEMENT OF CHARGES
)	
Respondent.)	

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

The Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 154C, and 272C.

Licenses issued by the Board are subject to the laws of the state of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Board.

Respondent William J. Schnoebelen was at all times during the following events a licensed master social worker. Respondent was issued license number 03637 to practice as a social worker in the state of Iowa on June 9, 1998, as recorded in the permanent records in the office of the Board.

Respondent's license to practice social work in Iowa is current and will next expire on December 31, 2004.

Respondent's current address as reported to the Board is P.O. Box 457, Dubuque, Iowa, 52004.

COUNT I

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.10(3) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 283.2(3), Respondent is charged with engaging in unethical conduct in the practice of social work by developing and maintaining a dual relationship with client # 1.

COUNT II

Pursuant to 645 Iowa Administrative Code 282.2(8), Respondent is charged with developing and maintaining a dual relationship with client # 1.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COUNTS I and II

1. Respondent provided social work services to client # 1 in 2000 and 2001.
2. Respondent sold client # 1 herbal substances, vitamins, and food supplements prior to seeing her as a client and during the period of time in which he was providing social work services to her.
3. Respondent marketed client # 1's book on his website during the period of time he was seeing her as a client.
4. Respondent engaged in email correspondence of a personal nature with client # 1 during the period of time he was seeing her as a client.
5. Respondent failed to seek professional supervision, consultation, or referral regarding client # 1. Respondent failed to appropriately document his interactions and relationship with client # 1.

COUNT III

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.10(2) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 282.2(2), Respondent is charged with professional incompetency.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COUNT III

1. Respondent treated client # 1 for Multiple Personality Disorder even though it was outside the scope of his training and beyond the scope of his employment to do so.

COUNT IV

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 154C.5 and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 282.2(4), Respondent is charged with disclosing confidential client information.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COUNT IV

1. Respondent discussed client # 1's case with Respondent's wife and with a chiropractor without securing a written release authorizing him to do so.

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 10, 2003, the Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges and to order that a hearing be set in this case.

This Statement of Charges is approved by the board on November 18th, 2003.