

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NUMBER: 11-012
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FOR REACTIVATION OF INDEPENDENT)	
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LEVEL LICENSURE OF AVA DORRANCE,)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
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APPLICANT.)	
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COME NOW the Iowa Board of Social Work ("Board") and Ava Dorrance ("Applicant"), and pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 (2009), agree to the reactivation of Applicant's independent level social work license under the following terms and provisions:

1. Applicant was issued license number 00635 to practice as an independent level social worker in the state of Iowa on November 21, 1989.
2. Applicant's license has been inactive since December 31, 2006.
3. Applicant holds a Clinical Social Worker license in the State of Illinois. On December 28, 2006, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation suspended Applicant's license for engaging in unprofessional conduct by having a social relationship with a former patient.
4. On May 7, 2010, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation reinstated Applicant's license and placed Applicant on indefinite probation for a minimum period of three years. As part of her probation, Applicant may not engage in solo practice as a clinical social worker, must work in a multi-disciplinary

setting under the direct supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, must review all of her cases with her supervisor, must submit quarterly reports from her supervisor, must continue weekly psychotherapy sessions and submit quarterly reports from her psychotherapist, must continue psychotropic medications as prescribed by her physician and submit quarterly reports from her physician, must submit quarterly personal statements, and must report any complaints made against her by patients within twenty-four hours.

5. This Consent Agreement hereby adopts the conditions imposed on Applicant's license to practice social work in the State of Illinois. Applicant's license to practice social work in Iowa shall be placed on indefinite probation for a minimum period of three years from the date the Board reinstates Applicant's license. The Applicant shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

a. Applicant agrees to abide by all conditions set forth by the State of Illinois. Failure to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation in Illinois is a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement.

b. Applicant shall not engage in solo private practice as an independent social worker. Applicant shall work in a multi-disciplinary setting under the direct supervision of a licensed independent social worker ("supervisor"), pre-approved by the Board.

c. Applicant shall review her cases with her supervisor. Applicant's supervisor shall submit quarterly reports to the Board regarding Applicant's practice of social work.

d. Applicant shall continue weekly psychotherapy sessions.

Applicant's psychotherapist shall submit quarterly reports to the Board regarding her progress in psychotherapy.

e. Applicant shall continue her psychotropic medications as prescribed by her physician. Applicant's physician shall submit quarterly reports to the Board regarding her medical treatment and any changes in diagnosis and/or change in prescriptions.

f. Applicant shall submit quarterly reports as to the nature and location of her practice and regarding her compliance with this Agreement.

g. Applicant shall report any complaints against her made by her patients within twenty-four hours to the Board.

h. Applicant may request that the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation verify her compliance with the Order of Probation dated May 7, 2010 issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation in lieu of submitting the required quarterly reports directly to the Board. However, it is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Board receives sufficient information demonstrating Applicant's compliance with the Order of Probation.

i. Applicant shall fully cooperate in announced or random unannounced reviews, evaluations, or office visits by the Board or agents of the Board.

j. Applicant shall upon reasonable notice appear before the Board at the time and place designated by the Board. The Applicant agrees that any meeting between herself and a Board member or members shall not constitute "personal investigation" or otherwise disqualify a Board member from acting as a presiding officer

in any subsequent case.

k. Applicant shall obey all federal, state, and local statutes and regulations governing the practice of social work.

l. Applicant shall notify the Board of any change in address within one week of said change.

m. Applicant shall provide a copy of this Agreement to her employer.

6. Applicant shall fully and promptly comply with this Agreement and the statutes and rules of the Board. In the event the Applicant violates or fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement, the Board may initiate appropriate action to revoke or suspend Applicant's license or to impose other licensee discipline in accordance with Iowa Code section 272C.3(2)(a).

7. This Agreement shall be part of the permanent record of the Applicant and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.

8. Applicant acknowledges that this proposed Agreement is subject to the approval of a majority of the full Board. If the Board fails to approve this Agreement, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

9. By entering into this Agreement, the Applicant voluntarily waives any right to a contested case hearing regarding this matter. Once entered, this Agreement shall have the force and effect of a disciplinary order entered following a contested case hearing.

10. Applicant acknowledges that she has read this Agreement in its entirety, that she understands its content and that she executed this Agreement freely and

voluntarily.

11. Applicant understands that this Consent Agreement is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 22.

This Consent Agreement is approved by the Board May 9, 2011.