

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NUMBER: 04-065
)	
JERRY HUFFMAN,)	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 Jerry Huffman was at all times during the following events a licensed master level social worker. Respondent was issued license number 03868 to practice as a social worker in the state of Iowa on July 7, 1998, as recorded in the permanent records in the office of the Board. Respondent's license to practice social work in Iowa expired December 31, 2000.

Respondent's current address as reported to the Board is 201 S Park, Creston, Iowa, 50801.

COUNT I

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.10(3) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 283.2(29), Respondent is charged with engaging in unethical conduct, including having improper sexual contact with and making suggestive, lewd, lascivious, or improper remarks or advances to a client or co-worker.

COUNT II

Pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(10), Respondent is charged with engaging in inappropriate physical contact with a client.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COUNTS I and II

1. Respondent was employed as a rehabilitation counselor from 1990 to 2004. On January 14, 2004, Respondent was discharged from his employment for indecent

conduct with a client. Respondent filed a grievance regarding his termination. Respondent's termination was upheld by an arbitrator on July 1, 2005.

2. Respondent inappropriately touched clients and made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to clients and coworkers.

3. Respondent has been previously disciplined by his employer for inappropriately touching clients and engaging in inappropriate conversation of a sexual nature with clients.

COUNT III

Pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(2)"a", Respondent is charged with providing services and representing himself as competent outside the scope of his education, training, license, certification, consultation received, supervised experience, or other relevant professional practice.

COUNT IV

Pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(4), Respondent is charged with practicing outside the scope of his profession.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COUNTS III and IV

1. Respondent was employed as a rehabilitation counselor from 1990 to 2004. On January 14, 2004, Respondent was discharged from his employment for indecent conduct with a client. Respondent filed a grievance regarding his termination. Respondent's termination was upheld by an arbitrator on July 1, 2005.

2. During the course of providing rehabilitation counseling, Respondent discussed and advised patients about medical issues which were outside the scope of his professional practice as a counselor, including attempting to diagnose scoliosis, discussing catheterizing procedures with a client, discussing medical diagnoses and treatment, performing medical grip testing, and attempting to diagnose infection.

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 14, 2005, 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 14, 2005.