

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF)	NO.05-030
)	
CHARLES DOPKE,)	NOTICE OF HEARING
)	
RESPONDENT.)	

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners and files this Notice of Hearing pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.12(2) and 17A.18(3). Respondent was issued Iowa license no. 304 02566 on October 29, 1997. That license is active and will next expire on January 1, 2007.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on February 12, 2007, before the Board of Social Work Examiners. The hearing shall begin at 9:00 a.m. and shall be located in the Lucas State Office Building, Fifth Floor Board Conference Room # 526, Des Moines, Iowa. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on prehearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the board at hearing.

Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing you are required by 645 Iowa Administrative Code 11.12 to file an Answer. In that Answer, you should also state whether you will require an adjustment of the date and time of the hearing. At hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 645 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 11.

The office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board and copies should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Heather L. Adams, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2nd Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 154C, and 272C. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 154C, and 272C and 645 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 283. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 17A.12(3) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 11.21.

C. SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED

Count I

Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.10(3) and 645 IAC 283.2(3) with engaging in unethical conduct.

Count II

Respondent is charged pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(8)"a"(1) and (2) with engaging in a dual relationship with a client and former client.

Count III

Respondent is charged pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(9)"a" and "b" with engaging in sexual activities and sexual contact with a client and former client.

Count IV

Respondent is charged pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(9)"d" with engaging in sexual activities and sexual contact with a client or former client's relative within the second degree of consanguinity (client's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, or sibling) when there is a risk of exploitation of potential harm to a client or former client.

Count V

Respondent is charged pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(5)"a" with failing to maintain sufficient, timely, and accurate documentation in client records. Respondent's records failed to reflect the services provided, facilitate delivery of services, and ensure continuity of services in the future.

Count VI

Respondent is charged pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(5)"b" with failing to maintain timely records that include subjective and objective data, assessment or diagnosis, a treatment plan, and any revisions to the assessment, diagnosis, or plan made during the course of treatment.

Count VII

Respondent is charged pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(1 2) and 282.2(5)"c" with failing to maintain and store records in accordance with state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations governing record retention and with the guidelines of the licensee's employer or agency, and with failing to maintain client records for a minimum of seven years following the termination of services to ensure reasonable future access.

Count VIII

Respondent is charged pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 282.2(11)"g" with failing to appropriately terminate a client relationship by failing to document the termination in the client record.

D. STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED

A Statement of the Matters Asserted was reviewed and approved by the Board at the time this Notice of Hearing was filed. A Statement of the Matters Asserted shall be furnished to Respondent as an attachment to this Notice, but is not a public record as of the date of issuance of the Notice of Hearing. Upon issuance of the Board's final decision after hearing or upon the Board's approval of a settlement agreement, the Statement of Matters Asserted is a public record.

E. SETTLEMENT

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 645 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 12. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact Heather Adams, Assistant Attorney General, at 515.281.3441.

F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

On this 13th day of December, 2006, the Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing.

This notice of hearing is approved by the board on December 13, 2006.