BEFORE THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OF KEVIN C. SHEPARD, APPLICANT	))))))	PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY LICENSURE

TO: Kevin C. Shepard

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that your application for licensure at the bachelor's level is denied. The intent to deny licensure is based upon the following:

LEGAL GROUNDS

Iowa Code 154C.3 states:

License requirements. An applicant for a license as a bachelor social worker shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses a bachelor's degree in social work from an accredited college or university approved by the Board. [Iowa Code 154C.3 #1 "a" (1)]

645 IAC 280.5 states:

Bachelor level social worker. An applicant for a license as a bachelor level social worker shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses a bachelor's degree in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education at the time of graduation. [645 IAC 280.5(1)]

FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Iowa Board of Social Work received an application for bachelor's level licensure from Mr. Shepard on September 29, 2009. Mr. Shephard graduated from Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa, in June 1993, with a bachelors of arts degree, majoring in elementary education with a minor in Psychology. Mr. Shepard does not have a social work degree approved by the Council on Social Work Education as required.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to the provisions of 645 IAC 11.32, you may appeal the Board's preliminary notice of denial of license by serving a notice of appeal and request for hearing upon the board not more than thirty days following the date of mailing of this notice. The request for hearing shall specifically describe the facts to be contested and determined at the hearing. The hearing shall be held pursuant to the process outlined at 645 IAC Chapter 11. If an appeal is not filed within this time period, this preliminary notice of intent to deny licensure will become final.

Dated: December10, 2009