

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	CASE NUMBER: SW 11-041
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FOR INDEPENDENT LEVEL LICENSURE	)	
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OF SUZANNE B. WITTE,	)	<b>CONSENT AGREEMENT</b>
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APPLICANT.	)	
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COME NOW the Iowa Board of Social Work ("Board") and Suzanne B. Witte ("Applicant"), and pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10, agree to the issuance of an independent level social work license to the Applicant upon successful completion of the ASWB examination and under the following terms and provisions:

1. Applicant was issued license number 03670 to practice social work at the master's level on June 9, 1998. Since then, the Applicant has mistakenly believed herself to be licensed at the independent level. As a result, the Applicant has used the designation of licensed independent social worker or "LISW." This practice violates Iowa Code Section 154C.2 and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 282.2(12)(q).

2. The Applicant agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the Board. Payment of the civil penalty, made payable to "Treasurer, State of Iowa," must be made within ninety (90) days from the date the independent level license is issued.

3. The Applicant's license to practice social work shall be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year from the date the Board approves this Agreement.

The Applicant shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

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

b) The 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.

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

d) The Applicant shall notify the Board of any change in address within one week of said change.

e) The Applicant shall provide a copy of this Agreement to the licensed independent social worker who completed her Supervision Report and to any other licensed social workers responsible for supervising her practice.

4. The 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).

5. 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.

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

7. 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.

8. The 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.

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

10. Upon full compliance with the terms and provisions set forth in this Consent Agreement and upon expiration of the period of its duration, the Applicant shall be granted an unrestricted license to practice social work at the independent level in the state of Iowa.

This Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the Board October 12, 2011.