

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NUMBER: 08-015
)	
TONYA J. KVAME,)	
)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
)	AND FINAL ORDER
Respondent.)	

COME NOW the Board of Social Work of the State of Iowa ("Board") and Tonya J. Kvame ("Respondent"), and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 272C.3(4), enter into the following Settlement Agreement and Final Order of the contested case currently on file against the Respondent:

1. The Board originally licensed Respondent to practice as a bachelor level social worker in the state of Iowa on August 18, 1998. Respondent holds license number 304 04471. Respondent's license has been inactive since December 31, 2002.
2. The Board filed a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges against the Respondent on May 28, 2009. A contested case hearing in this matter is scheduled for October 19, 2009.
3. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.
4. The Respondent does not admit the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges and enters into this Settlement Agreement and Final Order for the sole purpose of resolving this matter to avoid the burden, expense, delay, and uncertainties of a contested case hearing.
5. Execution of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order constitutes the resolution of this contested case. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges,

but waives Respondent=s right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to appeal, by freely and voluntarily agreeing to this Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

6. Respondent is freely and voluntarily entering into this Settlement Agreement and Final Order. Respondent agrees that the State's counsel may present this agreement to the Board and may have ex parte communication with the Board while presenting it.

7. This agreement is subject to approval of the Board. If the Board approves this agreement, it becomes the final disposition of this matter. If the Board fails to approve this agreement, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

8. This agreement shall be part of the Respondent=s permanent record 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.

9. This Settlement Agreement and Final Order is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C. The Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges is also a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22 and 272C.

10. The Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order shall constitute a FINAL ORDER of the Board.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

11. Respondent was charged with practicing master level social work without a license to do so. Respondent is hereby warned that practicing outside the scope of

her bachelor level license in the future may result in future disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of her license to practice social work in the state of Iowa.

12. The Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$ 750.00) to the Board. Payment of the civil penalty, made payable to the Iowa Board of Social Work, must be made within ninety (90) days from the date of this agreement.

13. Respondent's license is inactive as of the date of execution of this agreement. In the event Respondent desires to reactivate her license in the future, she shall satisfy the requirements of 645 Iowa Administrative Code 280.14 prior to reactivation of her license. In the event Respondent applies for and is granted reactivation of her license, the Respondent's license to practice social work may be placed on probation at such time.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

This settlement agreement and final order is approved by the board on November 9, 2009.