BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

IN THE MATTER OF	)	NO. 13-015
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BRENDA ANDERSON,	)	COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ORDER
	)	
RESPONDENT.	)	

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Social Work ("Board") and Brenda Anderson, and enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order ("Agreement") pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code rule 12.1.

1. Respondent was issued Iowa license number 00539 to practice social work at the independent level on August 2, 1985.

2. Respondent's license is currently active and expires on December 31, 2014.

3. Respondent's address as reported to the Board is 913 16th Street, Ames, Iowa 50010.

4. The Board has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 154C, and 272C.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

COUNT I

Respondent is charged with failing to complete continuing education hours needed for license renewal in accordance with the Board's standards, in violation of Iowa Code section 154C.3(3) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code rules 280.9(2)(a)(1) and 281.2(1), pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.55 and 645 Iowa Administrative Code rule 283.2(12).

COUNT II

Respondent is charged with failing to respond to the Board within 30 days of receipt of communication from the Board sent by certified mail, pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.55 and 645 Iowa Administrative Code rule 283.2(18).

FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Respondent reported at the time of her 2013 renewal of her social work license that she had completed the required continuing education for the 2011-2012 biennium according to Board guidelines.

2. Respondent was sent an initial letter from the Board on February 11, 2013, requesting Respondent to submit documentation of her continuing education hours for the 2011-2012 biennium.

3. On March 14, 2013, the Board received an audit report form showing 21.05 continuing education hours and accompanying certificates showing 20.8 continuing education hours from Respondent for the 2011-2012 biennium.

4. Respondent was sent a second letter from the Board via certified mail, which was signed for on April 22, 2013, requesting Respondent to submit documentation of 5.5 additional continuing education hours needed for the 2011-2012 biennium or to contact the Board office if acceptable proof of program completion was unavailable.

5. As of August 12, 2013, the Board had not received any additional documentation from Respondent regarding this matter.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

6. Execution of this Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case. Respondent has a right to hearing before the Board on the charges, but Respondent waives the right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to appeal or seek judicial review of the Board's actions, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the final order of the Board in this case and shall have the force and effect of a disciplinary order entered following a contested case hearing.

7. Respondent is freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement. Respondent agrees that the State's counsel may present this Agreement to the Board and may have *ex parte* communications with the Board while presenting it.

8. Respondent is hereby CITED for failing to meet the continuing education requirements for licensure, and WARNED that Respondent's failure to comply with the law governing the practice of social work in Iowa could result in further discipline against Respondent's Iowa social work license, including suspension or revocation.

9. Respondent shall remit to the Board a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) made payable to "Treasurer, State of Iowa," within ninety (90) days of Board approval of this Agreement.

10. Respondent shall complete six (6) hours of continuing education in accordance with the specifications of 645 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 281 within six (6) months of Board approval of this Agreement. Said continuing education cannot be used as part of the continuing education hours Respondent submits for the 2015 renewal of her social work license. Respondent shall provide copies of all certificates of completion to the Board as proof of successful completion of this requirement within six (6) months of Board approval of this Agreement. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the required continuing education.

11. This Agreement shall be part of 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.

12. In the event Respondent violates or fails to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, the Board may impose other licensee discipline in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.55(9).

13. This Agreement is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board does not approve this Agreement, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.

14. This Agreement is a public record.

15. This Agreement shall not be binding as to any new complaints received by the Board.

16. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to be represented by counsel on this matter.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

BRENDA ANDERSON
RESPONDENT

Dated this 20 day of November, 2013

CHAIRPERSON, IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2013

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