

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:) CASE NUMBER: 05-002
LORI ALISE PALMER,)
Respondent.) **STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

The Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 154C, and 272C.

Licenses issued by the Board are subject to the laws of the state of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Board.

Respondent Lori Alise Palmer was at all times during the following events a licensed bachelor social worker. Respondent was issued license number 02744 to practice as a social worker in the state of Iowa on October 29, 1997, as recorded in the permanent records in the office of the Board.

Respondent's license to practice social work is current and will next expire on December 31, 2006.

Respondent's current address as reported to the Board is 25940 220th, Keosauqua, IA, 52565.

COUNT I

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.10(4) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 283.2(6), Respondent is charged with habitual intoxication and the inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of the excessive use of alcohol on a continuing basis.

COUNT II

Pursuant to 645 IAC 282.2(13), Respondent is charged with practicing in a professional relationship while experiencing a mental or physical impairment that adversely affects the ability of the licensee to perform professional duties in a competent and safe manner.

COUNT III

Pursuant to 645 IAC 283.2(12) and 645 IAC 16.5, 16.7, and 16.8, Respondent is charged with violating a rule of this state which relates to the practice of social work.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COUNTS I - III

1. Respondent suffers from alcohol dependence and mental health conditions which impair her ability to practice in a competent and safe manner.

2. Respondent was a participant in the Impaired Practitioner Review Committee (IPRC). Respondent entered into an Impaired Practitioner Recovery Contract on September 21, 2004. Under the terms of her contract, Respondent agreed to:

1. Comply with all treatment recommendations made by the IPRC;
and
2. Participate in an inpatient residential treatment program as recommended by Respondent's psychologist.

3. On November 15, 2004, Respondent was directed via letter delivered certified mail to schedule a date for her to begin residential treatment within five days of receipt of the letter and to commence inpatient residential treatment within thirty days of receipt of the letter. Respondent failed to do so. In accordance with the terms of her contract and 645 IAC chapter 16, Respondent was referred by the IPRC to the Board on December 16, 2004.

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On February 14, 2005, the Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges and to order that a hearing be set in this case.

This Statement of Charges is approved by the board on February 14, 2005.