

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT) Case No.: No. 06-3188B-03
AGAINST)
CHARLOTTE HORNE,)
Respondent)
_____)

AGREEMENT TO INFORMAL SETTLEMENT OF VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Disciplinary Investigative Committee (Committee) of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners (Board) has investigated an Administrative Complaint filed against the Respondent CHARLOTTE HORNE and has determined that probable cause exists to warrant filing formal charges against the Respondent CHARLOTTE HORNE for having violated rules of the Board, and

WHEREAS, Respondent CHARLOTTE HORNE has been notified of the alleged violations, the Committee's determination of probable cause, and the right to have a formal hearing before the Board on the alleged violations, and

WHEREAS, Respondent having been notified of the alleged violations and the Committee's determination of probable cause, the right to a formal hearing before the Board on the alleged violations, waives her right to a formal hearing and requests an informal disposition of the alleged violations presently pending before the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners, and

WHEREAS, the Respondent has agreed to an informal disposition of the alleged violations, and in consideration of the Committee's promise to informally dispose of the violations, the Respondent agrees to the following:

- (1) Suspension of Social Work License until successful completion of a substance abuse program for alcoholism. Suspension begins upon approval by the Board of the signed agreement between the Respondent and the Board.
- (2) During the suspension, the Respondent is required to keep the license current by paying the required renewal fee and maintaining the required continuing education. However, the Respondent will not receive the biennial sticker indicating a current license.
- (3) Upon successful completion of the substance abuse program, the Respondent is required to provide documentation from the program that she has successfully completed the program. After a review of the documentation and an verify the documentation received, the

suspension will be lifted. The Respondent will be notified in writing when this occurs.

- (4) For a period of two years after the suspension period the Respondent will be required to continue in aftercare treatment for alcoholism and provide quarterly written documentation to the Board of the continued treatment.
- (5) During the suspension, Respondent is prohibited from practicing social work.
- (6) By agreeing to have the violations informally discharged by the Committee, Respondent does not admit or deny to the truth of the allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint and waives her right to a formal hearing before the full Board.
- (7) However, in the event a court of competent jurisdiction specifically rules that this Agreement is void, Respondent acknowledges that disclosure by the Investigative Committee of such information regarding the allegations in the Complaint to the Board shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Committee's authority and right to fully prosecute the Administrative Complaint against Respondent or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint should a court determine that Respondent is entitled to an adjudicating hearing on the Complaint before the Board.
- (8) This agreement applies only to the present allegations, and has no bearing on any future complaints or allegations.
- (9) Nothing in this Agreement is intended to circumvent the law, statutes, or Administrative Code of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners.
- (10) The Board is required to report all disciplinary measures imposed, formally or informally, and that the Board has no authority to waive this requirement.
- (11) The disciplinary infraction will be reported by the Board as diversion of controlled substance.
- (12) In the event that the Investigative Committee has probable cause to determine that Respondent has violated any term of this Agreement, the Agreement is rescinded, and this cause will be set for an Administrative Hearing before the full Board.
- (13) This Agreement is and shall be deemed to be treated as a public record. In consideration of the Respondent's acceptance of the above-listed disciplinary measures and acknowledgment of a violation of the Committee, on behalf of the Board, agrees that the Board agrees not to actively pursue the prosecution of the Administrative Violations.

IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by the Respondent and the Committee that the above-stated terms represent the complete agreement, and that this Agreement is binding once it has been signed by both parties, and that if any term is illegal or unconstitutional, the agreement becomes void.

SIGNED, this _____ day of _____ 2006

CHARLOTTE HORNE

ADDRESS

Brenda W. Holden, Executive Director