

BEFORE THE MISSOURI
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

STATE COMMITTEE FOR)	
SOCIAL WORKERS,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	CASE # 2006021234
)	
JACKLYN ELLISON,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE MISSOURI
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS
REVOKING THE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE OF
JACKLYN ELLISON

On or about July 28, 2010, the State Committee for Social Workers (“Committee”) and Jacklyn Ellison (“Ellison” or “Licensee”) entered into a Settlement Agreement Between State Committee for Social Workers and Jacklyn Ellison (“Settlement Agreement”) suspending Licensee’s clinical social worker license, license number 2006021234, for three (3) years and thereafter placing licensee’s license on probation for five (5) years due to Licensee engaging in a sexual relationship with a client in violation of § 337.630.2(5), (6), (13) and (15), RSMo.¹ During the disciplinary period, Licensee was to comply with the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

On December 14, 2012, at approximately 3:00 p.m., the Committee held a hearing pursuant to notice and §§ 621.110 and 324.042, RSMo, at the Associated Industries of Missouri, 3234 West Truman Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109, for the purpose of determining

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2000, as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

whether Licensee had violated of the disciplinary terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement. The Committee was represented by Assistant Attorney General, Stephen Doerhoff. Licensee appeared in person and without legal counsel. After being present and considering all of the evidence presented during the hearing, the Committee issues the following Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Order.

Based upon the foregoing the Committee states:

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Committee is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 337.622, RSMo, for the purpose of licensing persons engaged in the practice of social work in this state. The Committee has control and supervision of the licensed occupations and enforcement of the terms and provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689, RSMo.

2. Licensee is licensed by the Committee as a licensed clinical social worker, license number 2006021234.

3. On or about July 28, 2010, the Committee and Licensee entered into a Settlement Agreement placing Licensee's license on suspension for three (3) years followed immediately by probation for five (5) years. This disciplinary period was imposed due to Licensee's stipulated violations of the ethical obligations of a clinical social worker, misconduct, and violation of the professional trust and confidence owed to her employer and clients by entering into a sexual relationship with a client in violation of §337.630.2(5), (6), (13) and (15), RSMo.

4. On or about August 12, 2010, fifteen days after July 28, 2010, the Settlement Agreement went into effect.

5. During the disciplinary period set forth in the Settlement Agreement, Licensee is required to comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including those on pages 7 to 8, paragraph 2, which provide, in pertinent part:

a. Within six (6) months of the effective date of the disciplinary period, Ellison will have a full evaluation, at her expense, conducted by a practitioner approved by the Committee.

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g. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall keep the Committee informed of her current work and home telephone numbers and addresses. Licensee shall notify the Committee in writing within ten days of any change in this information.

h. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall timely renew her license and timely pay all fees required for licensing and comply with all other Committee requirements necessary to maintain her license in a current an active state.

6. The Settlement Agreement further provides, on pages 9 to 10, paragraph 20, that:

If any alleged violation of this Settlement Agreement occurred during the disciplinary period, the parties agree that the Committee may choose to conduct a hearing before it either during the disciplinary period, or a soon thereafter as a hearing can be held, to determine whether a violation occurred and, if so, may impose further disciplinary action. Ellison agrees and stipulates that the Committee has continuing jurisdiction to hold a hearing to determine if a violation of this Settlement Agreement has occurred.

7. Prior to expiration of Licensee's license on September 30, 2010, the Committee sent Licensee a license renewal notice. Licensee failed to renew her license and it expired.

8. On or about June 13, 2012, the Committee mailed to Ellison a letter informing her, in pertinent part, that "As a part of your settlement agreement you were to have an evaluation done and keep your license current. To date, no evaluation has been received and your license is expired. In order to avoid further discipline, an immediate response is requested

with information about your current employment and plans for complying with the signed settlement agreement.”

9. Licensee testified that she did not receive any correspondence from the Committee. The Committee’s Executive Director testified that the letter June 2012 letter was sent to Licensee via first class mail and was not returned to the Committee.

10. Licensee testified that she has not had an evaluation and had not renewed her license as required by the Settlement Agreement. Licensee testified that she sent the Committee a letter two years ago but that she had no evidence of such letter. Licensee admitted that she understands now that she did violate the Settlement Agreement.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. Pursuant to § 324.042, RSMo:

Any board, commission, or committee within the division of professional registration may impose additional discipline when it finds after hearing that a licensee, registrant, or permittee has violated any disciplinary terms previously imposed or agreed to pursuant to settlement. The board, commission, or committee may impose as additional discipline any discipline it would be authorized to impose in an initial disciplinary hearing.

12. Licensee, by failing to have a full evaluation conducted by a practitioner approved by the Committee, violated the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, Licensee’s license is subject to further discipline by the Committee.

13. Licensee, by failing to renew her license and comply with all requirements necessary to maintain her license in a current and active state, violated the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, Licensee’s license is subject to further discipline by the Committee.

14. As a result of the foregoing, Licensee's clinical social worker license is subject to further disciplinary action by the Committee pursuant to § 324.042, RSMo, and the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

15. The Committee has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

III.

ORDER

Having fully considered all the evidence before the Committee, it is the ORDER of the Committee that the clinical social worker license of Jacklyn Ellison (license no. 2006021234) is hereby REVOKED. It is further ordered that Ms. Ellison shall immediately return all evidence of licensure to the Committee.

The Board will maintain this Order as an open, public record of the Committee as provided in chapters 337, 610, and 324, RSMo.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

STATE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS



Tom Reichard, Executive Director