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BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
712 South Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3817

In the Matter of)
)
Karen Showalter, LBSW)
License #5643)
Respondent)
_____)

Case No. 08-BS-20

SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER

NOW on this 4th day of October, 2007, the above-captioned complaint comes before the Complaint Review Committee of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board [Board].

Findings of Fact

The Committee finds that the following facts have been established by clear and convincing evidence:

1. Karen Showalter is a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker, License #5643, which was issued by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.
2. At all times relevant to the complaint herein, Licensee was practicing as a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker within the meaning of the Kansas Licensure of Social Workers Act, K.S.A. 65-6301 *et seq.* and amendments thereto.

3. Licensee was charged in McPherson County, Kansas, with nine criminal counts, including felony embezzlement from her father's estate. The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services has further made a confirmed finding of exploitation by Licensee of her mother, the rightful heir of the proceeds of the estate.

4. On or about August 31, 2007, Licensee pled no contest to three counts of felony theft and was found guilty by the district court judge in McPherson County, Kansas of all allegations as charged. Sentencing is set for November 9, 2007.

[Exhibit 1]

Conclusions of Law

The following conclusions of law are based on evidence the Board finds is clear and convincing:

1. The Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-537 provides that a state agency may use summary proceedings, subject to a party's request for a hearing on the order, if the use of the proceedings in the circumstances does not violate any provision of law and the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties.

2. The actions of Licensee Karen Showalter violate K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(1) as well as K.S.A. 21-3701(a)(1) Felony Theft.

Sanction

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Complaint Review Committee finds pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6311 and K.S.A. 77-537 that the

Kansas Bachelor Social Worker license of Licensee Karen Showalter should be suspended indefinitely until further order of this Committee.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2007.

Wesley Jones Ph.D.
Wesley Jones, Ph.D.
Chair, Complaint Review Committee

NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, this Summary Proceeding Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for hearing to:

Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director
Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
712 South Kansas Avenue
Topeka, KS 66603

This written request must be filed within fifteen (15) days of service of this Notice. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Proceeding Order becomes final and effective upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing and will be a Final Order of the Board.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the above and foregoing Summary Proceeding Order was placed this 5th day of October, 2007, in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Karen Showalter


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