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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Tiffany Stephan
7274 Bretz Street NW
Massillon, OH 44646

**IN THE MATTER OF TIFFANY STEPHAN TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.**

THE MATTER OF TIFFANY STEPHAN CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST BOARD ON MAY 21, 2020: RYAN PICKUT, DR. CHRISTIN
JUNGERS, DR. BUTCH LOSEY, SUE POHLER AND JOSEPH GEIG.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Tiffany Stephan by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on March 6, 2020.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested within thirty days of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Stephan did not make a timely request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*, 110 Ohio App.3d 124, 673 N.E.2d 677 (1996) the case was presented to the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on May 21, 2020.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

1. Statement prepared by William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director, State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.
2. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Stephan dated March 6, 2020.

3. Communication from Board investigator to Ms. Stephan.

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Sections 4757.36(C) (1) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has violated any provision of the Board's statute or rules.

Discussion and Findings

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board* of Ohio, 110 Ohio App3d 124, 673 N.E.2d 677 (1996) all cases where a Board issues a Notice for Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing or has otherwise withdrawn their request for a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact. In this case, Tiffany Stephan did not make a request for a hearing after receipt of her Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Ms. Stephan failed to cooperate in a Board investigation regarding her professional counselor license. The Board attempted on several attempts to schedule a meeting with Ms. Stephan but Ms. Stephan failed to communicate with the Board regarding these attempts. Ms. Stephan's actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 475711-01(C)(18). Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Stephan's license to practice as a professional counselor (C.1700637) is **REVOKED**. As Ordered by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. This decision was by a unanimous vote of the Board members who reviewed and voted on the case.

It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12 may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board and in the court of common pleas of the county in which the licensee is a resident. If the party appealing from the order is not a resident of any County, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the order appealed from and state that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with the law. The Notice of Appeal may, but need not, set forth the specific grounds of the party's appeal beyond the statement that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in

accordance with law. Both Notices of Appeal must be received at the office of the Board and filed with the applicable court within fifteen (15) days after mailing of this notice of the agency's order, and in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119.12.

By Order of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.



Brian Carnahan
Executive Director

May 22, 2020

Date

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