



## ***Ohio Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board***

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### **ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:**

Lisa Creech  
4290 Chesser Road  
Albany, OH 45710

**IN THE MATTER OF LISA CREECH TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER  
IN THE STATE OF OHIO.**

THE MATTER OF LISA CREECH, CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON JANUARY 19, 2023: ALVERTA MUHAMMAD, JODI SALVO, ARIANNA GALLIGHER, AND DR. SCOTT WILKES.

### **FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY**

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Lisa Creech by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on November 10, 2022.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested in writing within thirty days of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Creech 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 Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on January 19, 2023.

### **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. Creech dated November 10, 2022.
3. Court documents pertaining to Ms. Creech from the Athens County Court of Common Pleas

## Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Sections 4757.36(C) (5) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has received a felony conviction in Ohio or another state.

### 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issues a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing in writing or has otherwise withdrawn their request for a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact.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, Ms. Creech did not request a hearing per the instructions in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing after receipt of her Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Lisa Creech was convicted of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs and the Aggravated Possession of Drugs, both third-degree felonies, in October 2022 in the Athens County Court of Common Pleas. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Creech's license to practice as a licensed social worker (S.0030597) is **REVOKE**D. As Ordered by the Social Worker 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.



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Brian Carnahan  
Executive Director

January 19, 2023

Date