

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

### A. PARTIES

This Settlement Agreement is made by the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") and Angela Christensen ("Christensen").

### B. RECITALS

The Board is authorized under N.D.C.C. ch. 43-41 and Article 75.5-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code to license and regulate the practice of social work.

N.D.C.C. § 43-41-10 authorizes the Board to suspend, revoke, or place on probationary status any license issued by the Board on proof at a hearing that the licensed person has committed an act set forth in the law.

Christensen is licensed to practice social work in the State of North Dakota, license # 4367.

N.D. Administrative Code § 75.5-02-03-07(1) states, in part, "A social work practitioner licensed in North Dakota must complete thirty approved continuing education hours for the two-year licensing period to maintain licensure in North Dakota."

The Board granted Christensen an extension to complete her thirty approved continuing education hours for 2012-2013 until December 31, 2014. On November 3, 2014, Christensen attested she had completed those continuing education hours.

On November 10, 2015, Christensen submitted her application for licensure in 2016 and 2017 and stated, in part, "I attest I have completed the hours of continuing education, including 2 hours of social work ethics, as required by N.D.C.C. 43-41-12 and N.D. Administrative Code 75.5-02-03-07 during the 2014-2015 licensure period."

Christensen's attestation that she had completed the required hours of continuing education in 2014-2015 for licensure in 2016-2017 was incorrect, as Christensen did not complete the required hours of continuing education in 2014-2015 to be licensed in 2016 and 2017.

Christensen also has not completed thirty approved continuing education hours since she attested on November 3, 2014, that she had completed thirty approved continuing education hours in 2012-2013, as extended to December 31, 2014.

Christensen states she has not been employed in social work practice in either 2016 or 2017.

On November 15, 2016, the Board determined grounds exist for disciplinary action against Christensen under N.D.C.C. § 43-41-10.

Christensen acknowledges she has been informed and understands she has the right to seek the advice of legal counsel in this matter.

Christensen acknowledges she has been informed and understands she has the right to a hearing and appeal under N.D.C.C. § 43-41-10 and N.D.C.C. ch. 28-32 prior to any adverse action being taken against her license.

C. AGREEMENT

The Board and Christensen agree to resolve this matter as follows:

1. Christensen waives her right to an administrative hearing and appeal.
2. Christensen's license to practice social work shall be revoked forthwith.
3. Any application by Christensen for a license to practice social work in the future shall be decided by the Board based on circumstances existing at the time of application, including but not limited to whether Christensen has completed thirty approved continuing education contact hours since November 3, 2014, with no more than ten hours completed by self-study or distance-learning methods, and with at least two hours concerning social work ethics.
4. There are no covenants, promises, undertakings, or understandings except as explicitly referenced in this agreement.
5. This Agreement shall be governed by the substantive laws of the State of North Dakota without regards to conflicts of law principles.

Dated this 30 day of March, 2017.

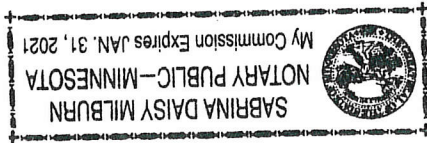
Angela Christensen

*Angela Christensen*

State of Minnesota )  
County of Clay )  
ss. )

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 30 day of March, 2017.

*Sabrina Daisy Milburn*  
Notary Public



Dated this 16 day of June, 2017.

NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

*Heidi Nieuwma*  
Heidi Nieuwma,  
Board Chair