

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

### **A. PARTIES**

This Settlement Agreement is made by the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") and Amanda R. Carlson ("Carlson").

### **B. RECITALS**

Carlson is licensed to practice social work in the State of North Dakota, license # 3568.

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.

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 has made a preliminary determination that grounds exist to revoke Carlson's license based on the Department's determination that, in response to the Board's request for a random audit, Carlson failed to provide verification that she completed the required continuing education hours for the 2014-2015 licensing period;

Carlson maintains she provided the requested verification to the Board;

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

Carlson also 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 before any adverse action being taken against her license.

The parties wish to resolve this matter amicably without the need for an adversarial administrative proceeding.

### **C. AGREEMENT**

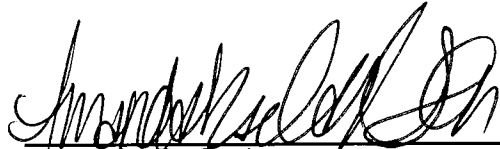
The Board and Carlson agree to resolve this matter as follows:

1. Carlson waives her right to an administrative hearing and appeal.
2. Carlson hereby voluntarily and immediately relinquishes her license to practice social work.
3. Carlson may not apply for a license to practice social work in North Dakota for a period of one (1) year.
4. Any application for North Dakota licensure submitted by Carlson more than one year after the Board signs this Settlement Agreement will be

processed in accordance with N.D. Admin. Code ch. 75.5-02-03 as an application for initial licensure and not as an application for license renewal.

- 5. There are no covenants, promises, undertakings, or understandings except as explicitly referenced in this agreement.
- 6. This Agreement shall be governed by the substantive laws of the State of North Dakota without regards to conflicts of law principles.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

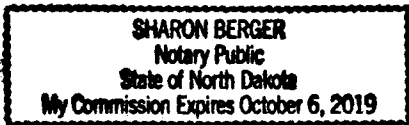
  
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 Amanda R. Carlson

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
   ) ss.  
 COUNTY OF Burdick        )


Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

  
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 Notary Public

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.



NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

  
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 Heidi Nieuwsma  
 Board Chair