

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A. PARTIES

This Settlement Agreement is made by the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") and Christine T. Petersen ("Petersen").

B. RECITALS

The Board is authorized pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) ch. 43-41 to license and regulate the profession 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.

Petersen is licensed to practice social work in North Dakota by the Board.

The Board found grounds to support allegations Petersen violated North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 43-41-09 (9) and North Dakota Administrative Code §§ 75.5-02-03-07 and 75.5-02-06.1-04(3), and decided to initiate a disciplinary action.

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

Petersen acknowledges she has been informed and understands she has the right to a hearing and appeal pursuant to 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 Petersen agree to resolve this matter as follows:

1. Petersen waives her right to an administrative hearing and appeal pursuant to N.D.C.C. ch. 43-41 and ch. 28-32.
2. Petersen's license to practice social work in North Dakota is placed on probation for a period of no less than two years from the date this Agreement is fully executed.
3. As conditions of this probation:
 - a. Petersen shall attend at least two (2) regular meetings of the Board.

- b. Petersen shall comply with all laws and rules relating to the practice of social work.
 - c. On or before November 30, 2018, Petersen shall complete twenty-two and one-half (22.5) continuing education credits, including two (2) credits focused on ethics. Those credits shall apply to the 2016-17 reporting period and meet the requirements of N.D.A.C. § 75.5-02-03-07. The credits shall be in addition to, and may not be counted towards, the continuing education credits required for the current reporting cycle. Petersen shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of completion of the credits. Petersen shall bear all costs and expenses associated with earning the continuing education credits.
 - d. Without a hearing or appeal pursuant to N.D.C.C. ch. 43-41 or N.D.C.C. ch. 28-32, the Board will determine if Petersen fulfills the terms of this Agreement. If Petersen fails to fulfill the terms of this Agreement, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her license without a hearing or appeal pursuant to N.D.C.C. ch. 43-41 or N.D.C.C. ch. 28-32.
- 4. There are no covenants, promises, undertakings, or understandings outside this Agreement other than those herein specifically set forth.
 - 5. This Agreement shall be governed by the substantive laws of the State of North Dakota without regard to conflict of law principles.

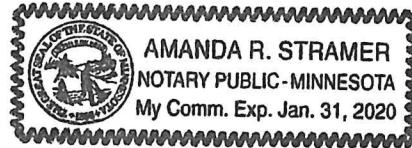
Dated this 17 day of July, 2018.

Christine T. Petersen
Christine T. Petersen, LSW

State of Minnesota

County of Otter Tail

Subscribed and affirmed to before me
this 12 day of July, 2018.



Amanda R. Stramer
Notary Public

Dated this 27th day of July, 2018.

NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Heidi Nieuwsma, Chair
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