

BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE LICENSE OF
SUSAN BEESON
F/K/A SUSAN TAYLOR
LMSW NO. 3831

CASE NO. 01 MS 13

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND FINAL ORDER**

Now on this 11th day of MARCH, 2002, the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (the "board"), represented by litigation counsel, Michelle Davis, Assistant Attorney General, and the "licensee", Susan Beeson, formerly known as Susan Taylor, hereby enter into the following agreement for the purpose of resolving this case.

NATURE OF THE CASE

1. At all times relevant, licensee has been, and is currently, licensed as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 65-6301, *et seq.*
2. K.S.A. 65-6311 sets forth the grounds for which the board may revoke, suspend, limit or deny a social worker's license.
3. The board received information alleging that licensee may have violated K.S.A. 65-6311 and the board investigated those allegations. During the investigation, licensee was informed of the report and was given the opportunity to respond.
4. A board member reviewed the investigative case material and found probable cause to believe that licensee had engaged in unprofessional conduct as set forth in K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(4) and Kansas Administrative Regulation (K.A.R.) 102-2-7(tt).

5. Licensee has the right to a hearing on this matter and to seek review of the findings from that hearing in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act and the Kansas act for judicial review and civil enforcement of agency actions. Licensee is waiving those rights and knowledgeably and voluntarily entering into this agreement instead of proceeding to a hearing.
6. As the basis for this agreement, licensee does not contest, and it is established that, licensee's conduct was unprofessional, defined by K.A.R. 102-2-7(tt) as engaging in a dual relationship with a current client, supervisee, or with any person who, within the past 24 months, has been the licensee's client; when in August and September of 2000, licensee accepted residential placement in her home of a child with whom licensee had established a therapeutic relationship, thereby creating a dual parental and therapeutic role that compromised the therapeutic relationship with the child.

DISPOSITION

7. Licensee's license shall be suspended for a period of 12 months with the suspension stayed as long as licensee completes the following conditions:
 - A. Licensee shall research, write, and submit to the board, within 4 months of the effective date of this order, a fifteen page professional paper, double-spaced and properly referenced with at least 10 professional references integrated within the context of the paper, APA format, on the subject of the effect of dual relationships on the therapeutic relationship. If the paper is unacceptable to the board, then licensee shall have thirty days from the rejection date to submit a revised paper for the board's consideration.

- B. Licensee shall obtain 7 hours of continuing education on the topic of dual relationships/boundaries and submit verification of said completed hours to the board within 4 months. These hours may not be used to satisfy license requirements.
 - C. Licensee shall be responsible for any costs incurred in satisfying this agreement.
8. If the board has reasonable grounds to believe that licensee is not complying with the above-stated conditions, then the board may initiate further disciplinary action, including a summary order suspending licensee's license. The issues at a hearing would be limited to licensee's compliance and appropriate sanctions.
 9. This is a disciplinary action. Notification of this agreement shall be provided to another state licensing board if the licensee is also licensed, registered or certified in another state. This document is a public record that may be disclosed upon request.
 10. At the conclusion of the conditional licensure period, if licensee has satisfied the conditions of this agreement, then licensee's status shall return to unconditionally licensed.
 11. This constitutes the entire agreement between licensee and the board, and may be modified or amended only by written agreement of the parties.

By their signatures, the parties hereby acknowledge this agreement and consent to its provisions which are hereby made the final order of the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board effective upon the date indicated in the below Certificate of Service.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Susan Beeson
Susan Beeson, f/k/a Susan Taylor
Licensee

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Susan Beeson on the 25 day of February, 2002.

Carol L. Livingston
Notary Public



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Date

FOR THE BOARD

Anna Silva-Keith
Anna Silva-Keith, Chairperson
Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

3/11/02
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 12th day of March, 2002, I mailed, first-class postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the above Consent Agreement and Final Order to Susan Beeson and to Michelle Davis at their addresses listed above.

Roger Scurlock
Roger Scurlock, Investigator
Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

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August 23, 2002

Ms. Susan Beeson



RE: Consent Agreement and Order 01-MS-0013

Dear Ms. Beeson,

I am pleased to notify you that you have successfully completed the terms of your Consent Agreement and Order effective August 12, 2002. I have appreciated your cooperation in fulfilling the conditions of the order.

A faculty member of the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Fort Hays State University reviewed your professional paper. She said that your paper was "superb". She particularly liked the section that you wrote about what you had learned from your experience. She said that your paper could serve as a model of the structure the Board should require in future papers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis Gilmore".

Phyllis Gilmore
Executive Director