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**BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**

In the Matter of )  
)  
CARISSA KING, LBSW, )  
License #6856, )  
Respondent )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

Case No. 16-BS-012

**SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

NOW, on this 10<sup>th</sup> 24 day of May, 2016, the above-captioned matter comes before the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board [Board] Complaint Review Committee [Committee].

**Findings of Fact**

The Committee finds that the following facts have been established by a preponderance of the evidence:

1. Carissa King [Respondent / Licensee] is a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker within the meaning of the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6301, *et seq.*; and amendments thereto.
2. On September 30, 2010, Respondent's LBSW license expired. She did not renew it.
3. On June 15, 2015, the Board received and processed Respondent's Application for Reinstatement of her LBSW license. The application was granted effective June 30, 2015.

4. However, it was determined that irregularities in her application required further investigation, and a Report of Alleged Violation was opened and sent to her for a response August 7, 2015. When Respondent failed to respond to the Investigator's letter, the Investigator left a telephone message on her personal work voicemail on September 29, 2015.

5. When Respondent failed to respond to the telephone message, the Investigator sent her an email on December 9, 2015 with the original complaint attached and informed Respondent of possible additional violations for failure to cooperate with the Board in the investigation.

6. When Respondent failed to respond to the email, the Investigator called Respondent's employer, St. Francis Community Services in Garden City, Kansas, on January 20, 2016. The receptionist confirmed Respondent still worked there and put the call through to Respondent. The Investigator left a message to call back by the end of the week. However, as of May 9, 2016, Respondent has failed to respond to repeated requests for information for the past nine months.

7. In her application materials, Respondent stated that she had been working as an adoption social worker with St. Francis since December of 2014. She stated on her application that she had practiced and represented herself as a Kansas licensed social worker and was under the supervision of three Kansas licensed social workers.

8. Respondent has failed to cooperate with the Board by ignoring multiple requests for information over a nine-month period.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

9. The Complaint Review Committee of the Board concludes there is probable cause to believe Respondent practiced without a current license, held herself

out as a licensed social worker more than four years after her license had expired and failed to cooperate in the investigation of these facts in violation of the following statutes and administrative regulations.

**A. K.S.A. 65-6303(a) and (d). Prohibited acts.**

**B. K.S.A. 65-6307(a) and (b). Use of title by licensee.**

**C. K.S.A. 65-6311. Grounds for suspension, limitation, revocation or refusal to issue or renew license; procedure.**

(a) The board may suspend, limit, revoke, condition or refuse to issue or renew a license of any social worker upon proof that the social worker:

(2) has been found guilty of deceit in connection with services rendered as a social worker or in establishing needed qualifications under this act;

(4) has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules established by the board; . . .

**D. K.A.R. 102-2-7. Unprofessional Conduct.** Any of the following acts by a licensee . . . shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

(b)(5) has practiced the licensee's profession in violation of the laws or regulations regulating the profession;

(i) failing or refusing to cooperate in a timely manner with any request from the Board for a response . . . each person taking longer than 30 days to provide the requested response, information or assistance shall have the burden of demonstrating that the person acted in a timely manner;

(k) failing to cooperate with the board's investigation;

(yy) practicing social work after one's license expires;

(zz) using without a license, or continuing to use after the expiration of a license, any title or abbreviation prescribed by the board for use only by persons currently holding that type or class of license.

**E. K.A.R. 102-2-11. Renewal and reinstatement.**

(f) each licensee who fails to renew the license in a timely manner and who thereafter applies for reinstatement shall indicate whether or not the individual has practiced in Kansas as a social worker or has held forth as

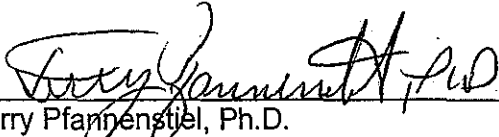
performing the services of a social worker after expiration of the license and, if so, under what circumstances.

10. The Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-537, provides for summary proceedings in situations where the statutory conditions are present. The Committee finds those conditions have been met in this proceeding.

### Sanction

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and pursuant to the authority granted by K.S.A. 65-6311 and the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-537, the Board finds that the Kansas Licensed Bachelor Social Worker license of Respondent Carissa King should be and is hereby suspended for ninety (90) days and until further Order of the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 10<sup>th</sup> <sup>24</sup> day of May, 2016. This Summary Proceeding Order of Suspension becomes effective on the date indicated in the Notice of Relief below.

  
Terry Pfannenstiel, Ph.D.  
Chair, Complaint Review Committee

### NOTICE OF RELIEF

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, this Summary Proceeding Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must serve a written request for hearing upon:

Max Foster, Executive Director, BSRB  
700 SW Harrison St.  
Eisenhower State Office Building, Suite #420  
Topeka, KS 66603

with a copy to:

Marty M. Snyder, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
120 SW Tenth Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Topeka, KS 66612

Any written request for hearing must be served within fifteen (15) days from the date indicated in the below Certificate of Service. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Proceeding Order becomes final and effective upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing and will be a Final Order of the Board.

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 24 day of May, 2016, a true and correct copy of the above Summary Proceeding Order of Suspension was deposited in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Carissa King  
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Carissa King  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Martin Helget, LMSW  
Marion Hardwich, LMSW  
St. Francis Community Services  
Garden City, KS 67846

Carissa King  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

and emailed to: [REDACTED]

and a copy delivered via interoffice mail to:

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