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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License to Practice as a
Clinical Social Worker of:

FRED E. KARNES, LCSW

CASE NO. BCSW-98-11

STIPULATED AGREEMENT
AND ORDER

The Board of Clinical Social Workers (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing and disciplining clinical social workers, and for regulating the practice of clinical social work in the State of Oregon. Fred E. Karnes, LCSW (Licensee) was licensed by the Board to practice as a clinical social worker in Oregon on or about June 27, 1995.

1.

On July 6, 1999, the Board served Licensee with a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action (Notice) and notified Licensee that it intended to place Licensee on a one-year suspension, impose a three-year probation with certain terms and conditions based upon violations of Board statute and rules.

2.

Licensee's license to practice as a clinical social work in the State of Oregon was not renewed and lapsed on or about March 31, 1999.

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Prior to the lapse of Licensee's license on or about March 31, 1999, Licensee had been a clinical social worker since 1994.

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Licensee entered into a therapeutic relationship with client S.C. in 1994.

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On or between December 1994 and July 1995, Licensee provided therapeutic services to S.C. Licensee had diagnosed S.C. with recurrent Major Depression and Borderline Personality Disorder.

6.

In 1998, S.C. filed a complaint with the Board stating that Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct as a clinical social worker on or about June 27, 1995.

7.

The Board and Licensee, hereby stipulate and agree that they are willing to informally dispose of and settle this matter without a contested case hearing. This stipulation sets forth the terms of the order that the Licensee agrees may be issued by the Board:

7.1 On or between December 1994 and July 1995, Licensee failed to maintain standards of professional conduct and was grossly negligent in the practice of social work in his therapeutic relationship with S.C. in violation of ORS 675.540(1)(d).

7.2 Licensee's license to practice is suspended for a period of six months commencing on January 1, 2000 and ending on July 1, 2000.

FINAL ORDER

The Board issues the following order:

1. Licensee waives all rights to have a hearing, rehearing, appeal or judicial review relating to this Stipulated Final Order.
2. Licensee violated ORS 675.540(1)(d).
3. All investigative materials prepared or received by the Board, including the complaint, will be retained in the Board's file concerning this matter and are exempt from disclosure under ORS 676.175 to ORS 676.180. Except that the Notice of Intent to Discipline and the Final Order are subject to disclosure under ORS 676.175(3)(a)(A) and ORS 676.175(3)(a)(D).

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