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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:

CHARI CHAUVIN, LCSW, Licensee.

STIPULATED FINAL ORDER
REVOKING LICENSE

The Board of Clinical Social Workers (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining psychologists in the State of Oregon. Chari Chauvin, LCSW (Ms. Chauvin), was licensed as a social worker by the Board, and has practiced in Portland, Oregon.

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On November 5, 1998, Ms. Chauvin was served with an Emergency Suspension Order and has been in emergency suspension from the practice of social work since November 5, 1998, pursuant to ORS 183.430(2), for violations of ORS 675.540(1)(d) (unprofessional conduct) OAR 877-30-040-(2) (dishonesty, fraud and deceit); and OAR 877-30-070 (dual relationship by committing acts detrimental to clients and exploiting clients for financial gain), which are more particularly described as follows:

1.1 Ms. Chauvin is a former employee of Northwest Pilot Project, Inc. (NWPP), and was a case manager in NWPP's Aging Services Program. S. E. is the Executive Director of NWPP, and J. M. is the Program Manager. On October 29, 1998, the Board received a report that Ms. Chauvin was engaged in inappropriate conduct and comporment as a clinical social worker in the case management of Client 1 and Client 2, both elderly clients who were placed in foster care homes by Ms. Chauvin while she was employed at NWPP:

1.2 Client 1. On or about September 18, 1998, J. M. informed S. E. that Client 1 had given a power of attorney and named Ms. Chauvin as attorney-in-fact. Ms. E. gave instruction to have the power of attorney revoked.

1 a. On or about September 28, 1998, Ms. E [REDACTED] directed Ms. Chauvin and
2 Ms. M [REDACTED] to meet with Client 1 at the foster care home to revoke the power of attorney.
3 This was done.

4 b. On October 1, 1998, Ms. E [REDACTED] scheduled a meeting with Ms. Chauvin and
5 Ms. M [REDACTED] to staff the case of Client 1. Ms. Chauvin called in sick and was not available for
6 staffing.

7 c. On October 2, 1998, Ms. E [REDACTED] received a telephone call from B [REDACTED] G [REDACTED]
8 who is the branch manager in the Aging and Disability Services system. Ms. G [REDACTED] informed
9 NWPP that Ms. Chauvin was the subject of a police fraud investigation, and that Client 1's file
10 needed to be made available to the police.

11 d. On October 5, 1998, Ms. E [REDACTED] informed Ms. Chauvin that she had removed
12 Client 1's file from Ms. Chauvin's office and scheduled an appointment to meet with her after
13 she had reviewed Client 1's file. Ms. Chauvin left the office at 8:30 a.m. Ms. E [REDACTED]
14 received a telephone call and a faxed letter from Ms. Chauvin's attorney informing her of
15 Ms. Chauvin's letter of resignation

16 1.2 Client 2. On October 16, 1998, Ms. M [REDACTED] met with Client 2. He is an elderly
17 man who had suffered a stroke and is aphasic. His speech is difficult to understand.

18 a. Client 2 showed Ms. M [REDACTED] savings and checking account statements where Ms.
19 Chauvin had put her name and home address on both accounts. Client 2 informed Ms. M [REDACTED]
20 that he believed Ms. Chauvin had stolen money from him. Client 2 also informed Ms. M [REDACTED]
21 that the last time Ms. Chauvin visited him was on October 5, 1998 (the day Ms. Chauvin
22 resigned), and that he told Ms. Chauvin during the visit that he had closed both accounts.

23 b. On October 19, 1998, Ms. M [REDACTED] accompanied Client 2 to the bank where he
24 received bank statements that showed sizable withdrawals that he did not authorize.

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