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STATE OF OREGON

BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

Before the State Board of Clinical Social Workers

In the Matter of the )  
License as a Clinical )  
Social Worker of )  
Michael Slover )

STIPULATED ORDER

This matter came before the Oregon Board of Clinical Social Workers and its duly appointed hearing officer on May 12, 1992, upon the Board's May 20, 1991, NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVOCATION OF LICENSE and the Board's December 27, 1991, FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVOCATION OF LICENSE, with regard to Michael Slover, Respondent. Assistant Attorney General Kevin Shuba appeared for the Board, and Victor C. Pagel appeared for Respondent. It appears an agreement has been reached between the Board and Respondent, and IT IS SO ORDERED as follows:

1. Commencing June 1, 1992, and continuing for an indefinite period of time, Respondent shall not practice social work with clients who are under the age of 18 years. However, Respondent shall be entitled to reapply for full licensure with the Board at any time.

2. For a period of 2 years commencing June 12, 1992, Respondent shall be subject to a training and supervision program under the terms and conditions described herein.

3. On or before June 12, 1992, and annually thereafter so long as Respondent is licensed by the Board, Respondent shall execute and deliver to the Board an affidavit stating that for

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the applicable period of time, he has not practiced social work for anyone under the age of 18 years, and that until otherwise specifically authorized by the Board, he will not practice social work for anyone under the age of 18 years.

4. The Board's executive secretary shall notify Respondent as soon as practicable upon each public records request made for Board files dealing with Respondent.

5. Terms and conditions of the 2-year period of training and supervision of Respondent are as follows:

a. On or before May 31, 1992, Respondent shall submit to the Board a list of 30 persons who are licensed by the Board. From that list, the Board shall select a supervisor. The supervisor shall meet the following qualifications: no pending complaints before the Board; not presently under discipline by the Board; not have been in business with Respondent; not have acted as co-therapist with Respondent; not have been a prior supervisor of Respondent; not have previously been supervised by Respondent; and currently be in clinical practice. If none of the persons in the list supplied by Respondent meets all of the criteria for appointment as Respondent's supervisor, the Board may chose a supervisor outside those listed.

b. The supervisor shall submit written progress reports to the Board. The first progress report shall be submitted not later than 90 days after June 12, 1992. Subsequent progress reports shall be submitted at intervals of 180 days, and upon termination of the 2-year period of training and

supervision. Upon submitting the progress reports, the supervisor shall simultaneously send a copy to Respondent. The supervisor shall determine, and include in the 90-day report, whether Respondent is participating in the supervisory program in good faith.

c. The amount of supervision shall be not less than 30 hours per year, at Respondent's expense. Respondent shall not be required to allow access by the supervisor to Respondent's client files and Respondent shall not be required to otherwise breach any of the usual confidentiality requirements imposed on social workers.

d. If the supervisor determines that in order for Respondent to effectively treat patients he ought to undergo therapy, Respondent shall undergo therapy at his expense, but he shall not be required to undergo more than 24 hours of therapy per year. The therapist shall be a person chosen by the supervisor, with approval of the Board.

6. This agreement is not an admission on the part of Respondent of any wrongdoing with regard to proceedings before the Board.

7. If the supervisor's initial progress report states that Respondent is in good faith participating in the required training and supervision, the pending May 20, 1991, NOTICE OF

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PROPOSED REVOCATION OF LICENSE, and the December 27, 1991,  
FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVOCATION OF LICENSE with  
regard to Respondent, shall thereupon be dismissed with prejudice.

Dated this 29 day of May, 1992.

Signature on File in Board Office

Hearing Officer

APPROVED: 

Signature on File in Board Office

Victor C. Fogel OSB 69135  
Attorney for Respondent

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Attorney for the Board

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## A Dubious Therapeutic Technique

The Board has also received complaints in the area of what could best be described as highly questionable techniques or exercises in the therapeutic relationship. Recently, the Board had to deal with two complaints, both involving adolescent males and an LCSW utilizing what was characterized as "regressive therapy." In both cases, the adolescent boys were encouraged to "nurse" the therapist. The male therapist had donned a female wig and placed two Nerf balls under his shirt to simulate breasts. In one instance, this activity occurred at the first group therapy session attended by the boy and in the other case within the first several sessions. The Board, in investigating these complaints via interviews and formal depositions, concluded this activity had a detrimental effect on the boys, was counter therapeutic, and constituted inappropriate clinical practice.

The State Board takes its mandates of consumer protection and regulating social work practice seriously. The Board is willing to investigate complaints and to take positions that will help insure the practice of quality clinical social work in the state. The Board hopes that communicating these concerns to clinical social workers, will heighten practitioner awareness and head off potential practice problems before they reach the Board as actual complaints.

## Report of Recent Disciplinary Actions by the State Board of Clinical Social Workers

### David A. Olson, MSW (LCSW #1129)

Letter of Reprimand with Civil Penalty for violation of OAR 877-30-000(1)(b). Mr. Olson was issued a Letter of Reprimand for billing insurance companies for services rendered by a non-LCSW. Mr. Olson was fined \$750 for this violation of the Code of Ethics.

### Michael Slover, MSW (LCSW #0014)

Stipulated Agreement resolved the proposed revocation of his license for violation of OAR 877-30-005(2)(a) and (e) regarding professional incompetence and failure to provide informed consent to parents regarding inappropriate regressive therapy techniques. Mr. Slover agreed to not practice clinical social work with clients under the age of 18 and to enter a two-year supervision program. The agreement is not an admission of wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Slover.



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