The South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter Board), by and through its attorney, Kirsten E. Jasper, Assistant Attorney General, and Erin Baker-Daggett (Licensee) hereby stipulate as follows:

1. During all times herein, Licensee has been and is now subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which she holds a valid South Dakota license to practice as a Social Work Associate—license number 1705.

2. Licensee is subject to the provisions of SDCL ch. 36-26 and ARSD ch. 20:59.

3. A complaint has been made against Licensee in connection with a case, identified as the C.H.S. case, and Licensee admits to committing theft, fraud and violating the NASW Code of Ethics. Licensee admits she misappropriated program funds for personal use. The investigation by the Board has shown that Licensee committed the acts alleged in the C.H.S. complaint.

4. Licensee agrees her conduct violated SDCL § 36-26-32 (1) and (6).

5. Licensee recognizes these matters are of a nature which would constitute grounds for discipline regarding her license to practice as a social worker in South Dakota under SDCL § 36-26-32.

6. The Board has a statutory obligation to protect the public’s health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL Chapter 36-26.

7. Licensee recognizes that the Board may approve this Stipulation, reject it, or modify it.
8. In the event the Board, in its discretion, does not approve this Stipulation or a lesser sanction, this Stipulation is withdrawn and will be of no evidentiary value and will not be relied upon nor introduced by either party. Licensee agrees that if the Board rejects this Stipulation and this case proceeds to hearing, Licensee will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or any of the records or information relating thereto.

9. It is the intent of this Stipulation to provide for a settlement of the licensing issues presented by the Licensee’s conduct, in a professional manner, without the necessity of a hearing or further proceedings.

10. Licensee has been given an opportunity to discuss this Stipulation with an attorney of the Licensee’s choice, and is aware of the Licensee’s right to a hearing in this matter, and all rights under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions, laws, rules, and/or regulations. Licensee hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a contested case proceeding pursuant to SDCL 1-26, including notice, appearance, representation by an attorney, calling witnesses, or any other rights under the Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations.

11. Licensee is entering into this Stipulation voluntarily and without duress or compulsion.

12. Licensee agrees that the Board’s staff may present this Stipulation to the Board and disclose to the Board all items of its investigation, including, but not limited to, any communications with Licensee.

13. Licensee’s existing Social Worker Associate license will be revoked.

14. The Board will report the status Licensee’s license to the Association for Social Work Boards.

15. Licensee will provide this Stipulation to any other social work licensing entity in any other state in which Licensee may be licensed.

16. The provisions of this Stipulation, if approved by the Board of Social Work Examiners, will become effective immediately upon the Board President signing below. The Board office will notify the Licensee when this has occurred.
NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Stipulation is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms and issue an order incorporating its terms in the above matter.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2011

ERIN BAKER-DAGGETT

The South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners meeting on the 14th day of June, 2011 (approved) (rejected) the attached Stipulation (as written) (with the following modifications):

and issued its ORDER OF REVOCATION consistent herewith as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Stipulation is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners this 14th day of June, 2011, by vote of four; one abstention

President