

**Louisiana Licensed Professional  
Counselors Board of Examiners**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**COMPLAINT NUMBER: 13 / 14-27**

**SHARON T. MILLER, LPC, LMFT**

**LICENSE LPC NO: 2025**

**LICENSE LMFT NO: MFT586**

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Sharon T. Miller (“Ms. Miller”) is a Licensed Professional Counselor (“LPC”) and Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (“LMFT”) subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (La. R.S. 37:1101, et seq.), the Code of Conduct for Licensed Professional Counselors (LAC 46:LX § 2101, et seq.), and the rules regarding disciplinary proceedings (LAC 46:LX § 1301-1325, et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, on or about January 6, 2014, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (“LPCBE”) received a Complaint regarding Ms. Miller from Tiffany Theriot concerning the therapeutic and personal relationship between Ms. Theriot and Mr. Miller.

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated June 18, 2014, the LPCBE notified Ms. Miller of the Complaint, provided Ms. Miller with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that Ms. Miller, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving her review of the circumstances which are the subject of the complaint.

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated July 15, 2014, Ms. Miller submitted a response to the Complaint in a timely fashion, wherein she denied any error in judgment or violation of any ethical standards.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Complaint and administrative investigation, the respondent, Sharon T. Miller, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:LX § 1311, LAC 46:LX § 3907, and La. R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act; and LPC Rules, Chapter 21, Section 2103 (A)(1)(a)(c)(2)(b)(i)((c))(d)(4)(a)(5)(c)(d)(ii)(10)(d)(ii)(a)(b)(c)(d), Section 2107 (A)(1)(a)(2)(d)(h)(6)(d), and Section 2117 (A)(1)(a); LMFT Rules, Chapter 47, Section 4701 (B), Section 4703 (A)(1)(2)(3), Section 4705 (A)(D)(H)(J)(K)(L), Section 4707(B), Section 4709 (A)(C)(E)(F)(J), and Section 4717 (A)(F)(1)(2)(3)(4).

**WHEREAS**, the Respondent, Sharon T. Miller, LPC, LMFT has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, Sharon T. Miller, is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage Family Therapist licensed by the LPCBE to engage in the practice of mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LPC License Number 2025 and LMFT License Number MFT586.
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, Sharon T. Miller was actively engaged in the practice of professional counseling in Houma, Louisiana.
3. Sharon T. Miller engaged in an inappropriate dual relationship with the Complainant and exploited her as a vulnerable client when she improperly terminated therapeutic services with her and then engaged in a close personal relationship with her.
4. Sharon T. Miller admits that her actions were in violation of LAC 46:LX § Section (A)(1)(a)(c)(2)(b)(i)((c))(d)(4)(a)(5)(c)(d)(ii)(10)(d)(ii)(a)(b)(c)(d), Section 2107 (A)(1)(a)(2)(d)(h)(6)(d), and Section 2117 (A)(1)(a); LMFT Rules, Chapter 47, Section 4701 (B), Section 4703 (A)(1)(2)(3), Section 4705 (A)(D)(H)(J)(K)(L), Section 4707(B), Section 4709 (A)(C)(E)(F)(J), and Section 4717 (A)(F)(1)(2)(3)(4).

**WHEREAS**, Sharon T. Miller had indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Prosecutor for the LPCBE has communicated with counsel for Sharon T. Miller, who has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

**WHEREAS**, the Respondent, Sharon T. Miller, agrees not to repeat the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order, and acknowledges that any further misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order will be considered a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and shall be cause for further disciplinary action. Sharon T. Miller further recognizes that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by Ms. Miller shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the LPCBE to take further disciplinary action as the LPCBE may deem appropriate against the license of Ms. Miller to practice professional counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy in the State of Louisiana.

**WHEREAS**, Respondent, Sharon T. Miller, recognizes her right to have an Administrative Adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time Ms. Miller would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on her behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the LPCBE based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act, Ms. Miller nonetheless hereby waives her right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), and consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Miller also acknowledges that she hereby waives any rights to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which she otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest her

agreement to, or the force and effect of the LPCBE's investigation or this Consent Agreement and Order in any Court or other forum.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the LPCBE by La. R.S. 49:955(D), the LPC Board orders and Ms. Miller accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. The LPC and LMFT licenses of Sharon T. Miller to be engaged in the practice of Mental Health Counseling and Marriage Family Therapy in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LPC license Number 2025 and LMFT license Number MFT586 shall be, and are hereby REPRIMANDED and by the Consent Order, and upon Ms. Miller's acceptance of, and strict compliance with, the following terms and conditions.
2. Ms. Miller shall obtain six (6) continuing education hours in ethics approved in advance by the Board, with a focus on healthy boundaries and dual relationships. The continuing education hours must be completed by June 30, 2017.
3. Ms. Miller shall be actively supervised by a Board-Approved Supervisor, with monthly reports to be submitted to the LPCBE from the supervisor for a period of six (6) months, with a focus on dual relationships and healthy contact with clients. Thereafter, the supervisor shall provide the Board with a final evaluation of Respondent's progress. The supervision must take place on a monthly basis for a total of six sessions to be completed over the six month period of supervision. The reports from the supervisor shall be provided to the LPCBE by the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of each month following the initiation of supervision.
4. Ms. Miller shall pay legal costs associated with the Complaint in the amount of \$1,250.00 within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payment shall be made by certified check, money order, or credit card. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
5. Ms. Miller shall pay a fine as authorized by La. R.S. 37:1106(D) for the above referred violations in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
6. Ms. Miller specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in further disciplinary action taken by the

LPCBE. The admissions contained herein will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

7. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Miller waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

**THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER** shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the LPCBE and are a matter of public record. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LPC Board Newsletter and website, the National Board for Certified Counselors, and the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB).

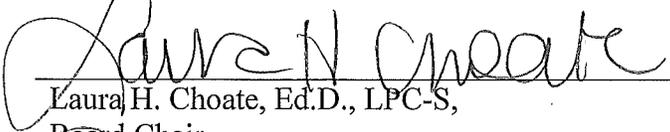
**THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN** are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LPC Board involving Respondent.

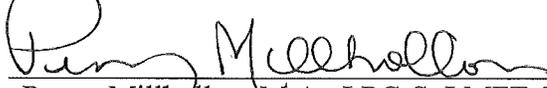
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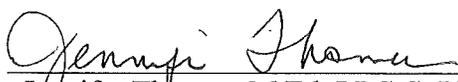
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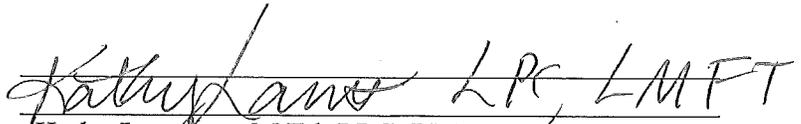
DATED this 25 day of September, 2015, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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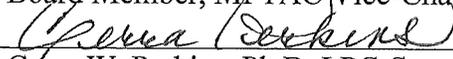
  
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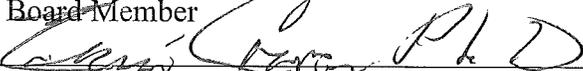
  
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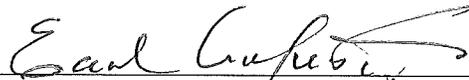
  
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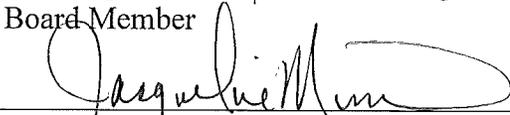
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I, James R. Raines, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which Sharon T. Miller, LPC, LMFT, could be charged under Complaint Number 13/14-27; and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

  
James R. Raines

9/14/15  
Date

I, **Sharon T. Miller**, LPC, LMFT, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint Number 13/14-27 by Consent Agreement and Order (“Order”) pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of

formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LPCBE for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LPCBE the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:960. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LPCBE shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LPCBE's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LPCBE Board decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LPCBE approve this Consent Agreement and Order, that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

I, **Sharon T. Miller**, have read the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

Sharon T. Miller  
Sharon T. Miller

09-09-15  
Date

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO** before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, at

Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

Print Name: C. David Vasser, Jr.

**C. David Vasser, Jr., Notary Public**  
My Commission Expires: Upon death  
**East Baton Rouge Parish, State of Louisiana**  
**Commission Issued for Life, ID# 18518**