

**Louisiana Licensed Professional
Counselors Board of Examiners**

IN THE MATTER OF

COMPLAINT NUMBER: LPC 13 / 14-46

BETH MARIE BOUDREAUX, Inactive LPC

LICENSE LPC NO: 4945

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Beth Marie Boudreaux (“Ms. Boudreaux”) is an Inactive Licensed Professional Counselor (“LPC”) 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 March 28, 2014, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (“LPCBE”) received a Complaint regarding Ms. Boudreaux from Pamela Dupont, APRN concerning the therapeutic and personal relationship between Ms. Boudreaux and her client, Tiffany Theriot.

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 26, 2014, the LPCBE notified Ms. Boudreaux of the Complaint, provided Ms. Boudreaux with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that Ms. Boudreaux, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving her review of the circumstances, which are the subject of the complaint.

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 29, 2014, Ms. Boudreaux submitted a response to the Complaint in a timely fashion, wherein she verified the existence of an inappropriate relationship with a client, but denied that the relationship caused any harm to the client.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Complaint and administrative investigation, the respondent, Beth Marie Boudreaux, 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

WHEREAS, the Respondent, Beth Marie Boudreaux, Inactive LPC, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, Beth Marie Boudreaux, was, at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Licensed Professional Counselor licensed by the LPCBE to engage in the practice of mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LPC License Number 4945.¹
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, Ms. Boudreaux was actively engaged in the practice of professional counseling at Psychiatric Services, LLC in Gray, Louisiana.
3. Ms. Boudreaux engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a current client, which caused the client undue harm and allegedly engaged in using illicit substances with a client.
4. Ms. Boudreaux admits that her actions were in violation of La. R.S. 37:1110 (A)(3)(4)(9); LPC Rules, Chapter 21, Section 2103 (A)(1)(a)(c)(4)(a)(5)(a)(c), Section 2107 (A)(1)(a)(2)(d)(g)(6)(d), and Section 2117 (A)(1)(a).

WHEREAS, Beth Marie Boudreaux had indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

WHEREAS, the undersigned Prosecutor for the LPCBE has communicated with Beth Marie Boudreaux, who has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

WHEREAS, the Respondent, Beth Marie Boudreaux, 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

¹ The license of Respondent was rendered inactive on July 1, 2015, due to non-renewal.

terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and shall be cause for further disciplinary action. Beth Marie Boudreaux 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. Boudreaux 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. Boudreaux to practice professional counseling in the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Respondent, Beth Marie Boudreaux, recognizes her right to have an Administrative Adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time Ms. Boudreaux would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call the 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. Boudreaux 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. Boudreaux 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 fact 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 LPCBE orders and Ms. Boudreaux accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. The LPC license of Beth Marie Boudreaux to be engaged in the practice of Mental Health Counseling in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LPC License

Number 4945, shall be and is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of one (1) year from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

2. If, at the end of the one (1) year suspension, Ms. Boudreaux wishes to apply for the renewal of her LPC license, prior to the renewal of her license, Ms. Boudreaux shall be required to meet all renewal requirements, as described in the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act and Professional and Occupational Standards, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LPC Rules and Regulations.
3. If and when Ms. Boudreaux's license is renewed, Ms. Boudreaux shall obtain six (6) continuing education hours in ethics approved by the Board, with a focus on healthy boundaries and dual relationships. The continuing education hours must be completed by June 30, 2017.
4. If Ms. Boudreaux does not successfully apply for renewal of her license and complete all additional continuing education hours as required, Ms. Boudreaux's license will expire effective July 1st, 2017. Should Ms. Boudreaux allow her license to expire, she will be required to reapply for LPC licensure under licensing requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.
5. Ms. Boudreaux 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 (5th) of each month following each initiation of supervision.
6. Ms. Boudreaux shall pay legal costs associated with the Complaint in the amount of \$1,000.00 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.
7. Ms. Boudreaux shall pay a fine as authorized by La. R.S.: 37:1106(D) for the above referenced violations in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) 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.
8. Ms. Boudreaux 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.

9. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Boudreaux 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).

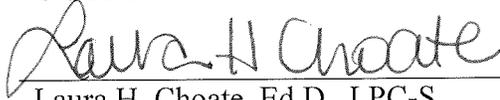
THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LPC Board involving Respondent.

ORDER

The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Complaint Number 13/14-46, adopt the Consent Agreement and Order in the matter on November 13th, 2015.

DATED this 13th day of November, 2015, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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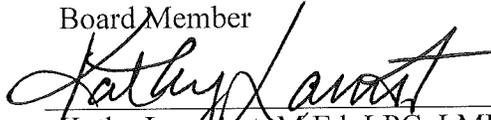


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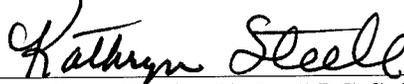


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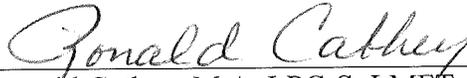
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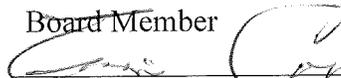


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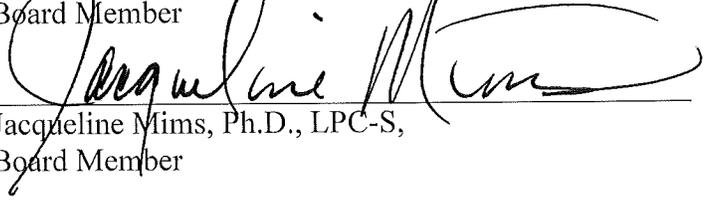
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I, James R. Raines, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which Beth Marie Boudreaux, Inactive LPC, could be charged under Complaint Number 13/14-46; 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


Date

I, **Beth Marie Boudreaux**, Inactive LPC, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint Number 13/14-46 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 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 decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LPCBE approves this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

Beth Marie Boudreaux
Beth Marie Boudreaux

10/19/2015
Date

I, **Beth Marie Boudreaux**, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 10/19/2015 Beth Marie Boudreaux
BETH MARIE BOUDREAUX

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 19 day of October, 2015, at

~~Baton Rouge~~, Louisiana.

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Notary Public
Print Name: Donna Sheets
My Commission Expires: upon death

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