

LOUISIANA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

WHITNEY WHITE

NUMBER: CI 10/11-17

CI4449

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Whitney White (“Ms. White”) is a Counselor Intern subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (La. R.S. 37:1101, et seq.), and the rules regarding disciplinary proceedings (LAC 46:IX § 1301, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a complaint filed with the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPC Board), and a subsequent administrative investigation, the Counselor Intern, Ms. White, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in LAC 46:IX § 1311 and La. R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, the Counselor Intern, Ms. White, has admitted the following:

1. Ms. White is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a Counselor Intern, registered by the LPC Board to engage in the practice of mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Counselor Intern No. CI4449.
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, Ms. White was actively engaged in the practice of professional counseling under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as per LAC 46:IX § 705(B).
3. Ms. White has admitted that she engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former client by failing to allow the appropriate amount of time to pass (minimum of two (2) years) before engaging in such a relationship, thus violating LPC Rules, Chapter 21, Code of Conduct for Licensed Professional Counselors, Section 2103(A)(1),(A)(2),(E)(1),(F)(1), and (G)(1); Section 2107(A); Section 2109(A)(10); Section 2113(C)(5); and Section 2117(A).

WHEREAS, the credentialed Counselor Intern has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

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WHEREAS, the undersigned Assistant Attorney General has conducted an interview with the respondent who has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

WHEREAS, the Counselor Intern acknowledges that any repeat of the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order will be considered a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and cause for further disciplinary action.

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

1. Ms. White's Counsel Intern status shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year after all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
2. If after one (1) year of all parties signing the Consent Agreement and Order Ms. White desires to continue to pursue her career as a Licensed Professional Counselor she must be supervised for a period of two (2) years by an LPC Board-approved supervisor (LPC-S).
3. During the two (2) years of supervision by an LPC-S, Ms. White shall be required to have one (1) hour of supervision for every twenty (20) hours of direct client contact.
4. Ms. White shall be eligible for licensure after she completes the mandatory three-thousand (3,000) hours of post-master's experience in professional mental health counseling as required by La. R.S. 37:1107(A); LAC 46:LX § 703(A)(6); and LAC 46:LX § 705(A)(2)(a.i)-(c).
5. Ms. White shall pay the investigative and legal costs associated with Complaint CI 10/11-17 in the amount of \$684.00¹ within three (3) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payments shall be made on a quarterly basis with the first payment due within thirty days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.

¹ Thus far there are no investigative costs in this matter. However, the legal costs are currently \$684.00. The legal costs delineated in this Consent Agreement and Order could increase depending upon the additional time required to resolve this case. A more accurate assessment of the costs will be provided at such time the licensee is prepared to accept this consent agreement and order.

6. Ms. White shall pay a fine as authorized by La. R.S. 37:1106(D) for the above referenced violations in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) within one (1) year from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
7. Ms. White specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in further disciplinary action taken by the LPC Board. 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.
8. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. White waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act and the Code of Conduct of the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LPC Board Newsletter, the National Board for Certified Counselors, and the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB).

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, Case No. CI 10/11-17, adopt the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter on Jan 20, 2017.

DATED this 20th day of Jan., 2017, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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I, Katherine K. Green, Assistant Attorney General 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 the Counselor Intern, Whitney White, could be charged under CI 10/11-17; 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.

Katherine K. Green
Katherine K. Green
Assistant Attorney General

1.20.2012
Date

I, Whitney White, Counselor Intern, make these acknowledgments and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of CI 10/11-17 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 Assistant Attorney General to present this Order to the LPC Board for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LPC Board 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 LPC Board shall be without prejudice to the Assistant Attorney General's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LPC Board's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LPC Board decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LPC Board approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Order will become a matter of public record.

Whitney White
Whitney White, Counselor Intern

1/9/12
Date

I, Counselor Intern, Whitney White, have read that Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 1/9/2012

Whitney White
Counselor Intern Name

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9th day of JANUARY, 2011, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

MarieLou T Ray
Notary Public
Print Name:
My commission expires: LIFETIME

