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April 11, 2012

Lauren (Bartlett) Irwin  
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Re: Consent Agreement and Order 09-MP-0059

Dear Ms. Irwin,

This letter is to confirm that all of the conditions set forth in the Consent Agreement and Order dated August 19, 2009 have been satisfied. Therefore, this case has been closed as of April 9, 2012.

You are now unconditionally licensed to practice as an LMLP.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Baldwin".

Carol Baldwin  
Special Investigator

Marty M. Snyder, Supreme Court #11317  
Assistant Attorney General's  
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**BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**  
**712 South Kansas Avenue**  
**Topeka, KS 66603-3817**

In the Matter of )  
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LAUREN BARTLETT, ) Case No. 09-MP-0059  
T-LMLP #1157 )  
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**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

NOW, on this 19 day of August, 2009, the above-captioned matter comes before the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (Board) by agreement of Lauren Bartlett (Licensee) and the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board for the purpose of resolving the above-captioned case. Petitioner appears through counsel, Assistant Attorney General Marty M. Snyder. Respondent appears in person and through counsel, Gaye B. Tibbets.

Licensee hereby acknowledges the following facts which the Board finds have been established by clear and convincing evidence:

1. Licensee is currently and, at all times relevant, has been a Temporary Licensed Masters Level Psychologist within the meaning of the licensure of masters level psychologists act, K.S.A. 74-5361 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
2. On or about October 31, 2008, the Board received a report of information concerning Licensee's conduct, alleging Licensee may have violated certain statutes and regulation.

3. The Board conducted an investigation concerning Licensee's alleged violation of statutes and regulations. During the investigation, Licensee was informed of the reported information and was given the opportunity to respond to the allegations. Her response was received on January 30, 2009. A further response letter dated April 6, 2009, was received from Gaye B. Tibbets, Licensee's attorney.

4. While Licensee was employed at El Dorado Correctional Facility, Licensee was identified as a Mental Health Professional and had professional responsibility for inmates, including Robby Bruhn.

5. Licensee's employment at El Dorado Correctional Facility was terminated following the prison's investigation of a reported inappropriate relationship between Licensee and Mr. Bruhn, an inmate she saw in her professional capacity.

6. Immediately upon Mr. Bruhn's release from incarceration, Licensee established a personal relationship with him.

7. As a result of the investigation, a Preliminary Consent Agreement and Order was entered into between the Board and Licensee on May 6, 2009.

8. The Board finds that Licensee followed the requirements of the Preliminary Consent Agreement and Order in a timely manner.

9. The Board finds that probable cause exists to believe that Licensee, while a Temporary Licensed Masters Level Psychologist, violated the following regulations:

**K.A.R. 102-4-12. Unprofessional Conduct.**

(b) Any of the following acts by a licensed master's level psychologist. . . shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

(2) except when such information has been obtained in the context of confidentiality, failing to notify the board, within a reasonable period of time, that any person regulated by the board or applying for a license or registration, including oneself, has met any of the following conditions:

(C) has been demoted, terminated, suspended, reassigned, or asked to resign from employment, or has resigned from employment, for some form of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance;

(26) . . . engaging in physical intimacies or sexual activities with . . . any person who, within the past 24 months, has been the client of that licensee . . . .

However, Licensee and the Board mutually desire to enter a Consent Agreement and Order lieu of adjudicative proceedings to resolve the report of alleged violations.

WHEREFORE, Licensee waives all rights to an adjudication of facts and law which could be determined pursuant to a hearing conducted in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act in relation to Case No. 09-MP-0059.

WHEREFORE, Licensee waives the right to file a motion for reconsideration and all rights of appeal pursuant to the Kansas Act for Judicial Review in relation to Case No. 09-MP-0059.

WHEREFORE, the prior suspension of Licensee's license is hereby stayed, and Licensee consents to continuation of her temporary license under the following terms and conditions:

(a) Licensee shall continue with psychotherapy for a period of time to be determined by her therapist, with a focus on dual relationships, appropriate boundaries and lovesickness.

(b) Licensee shall investigate and make efforts to complete her professional program, though Respondent understands that she cannot return to Wichita State University.

(c) At such time as Licensee is employed, she shall be supervised by a Board-approved supervisor, with quarterly reports provided to the Board from the supervisor. The focus shall be on ethics, boundaries, and professionalism, with one hour of supervision for every 40 hours worked.

(d) At such time as Licensee is employed, she shall not be employed at a juvenile or correctional facility and shall have no male patients or clients until further order of the Board.

(e) Licensee shall be responsible for any costs and expenses incurred in satisfying the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

(f) Evidence of Licensee's breach, violation or failure to comply with any of the conditions will result in a hearing, with notice and opportunity to be heard, to determine whether Licensee has in fact breached, violated or failed to comply with any conditions. Upon determination at such hearing that Licensee has breached, violated or failed to comply with any condition, Licensee understands and agrees that the suspension of her Kansas Licensed Masters Level Psychologist license could be reinstated until such time as Licensee can demonstrate compliance with all terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

(g) Licensee acknowledges that proof submitted to the Board by affidavit or other form of competent evidence that Licensee has breached, violated or failed to meet the conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be good and sufficient evidence to support an alleged violation of breach, violation or non-compliance.

(h) Licensee acknowledges an affirmative duty to notify the Board within five (5) days of any changes in personal or professional status which would inhibit compliance with any condition of this Consent Agreement and Order. In such event, a designee of the Board is authorized to modify or amend this Consent Agreement and Order in writing.

(i) Licensee understands that a notification of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be provided to any other state licensing board if Licensee is also licensed, registered or certified in another state.

(j) If the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement and Order, Licensee waives any right she may have to object to the composition of any subsequent hearing panel due to hearing panel members having knowledge of matters contained within this Consent Agreement and Order.


(k) This Consent Agreement and Order constitutes the entire agreement between Licensee and the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and may be modified or amended only by written agreement signed by Licensee and the Board or a designee of the Board.

WHEREFORE, Licensee consents to the submission of this Consent Agreement and Order to the Board's Complaint Review Committee and understands that, upon approval by the Complaint Review Committee, this Consent Agreement and Order will become a Final Order of the Board. The Board has authorized the Complaint Review Committee to determine approval of this Consent Agreement and Order.

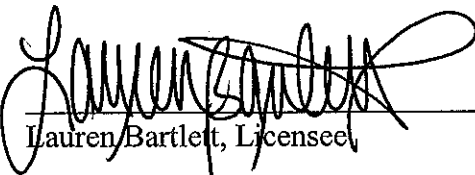
WHEREFORE, the Board agrees that, so long as Licensee complies with the above conditions, the Board will not initiate further disciplinary action against Licensee in relation to violations of K.A.R. 102-4-12 as a result of this proceeding.

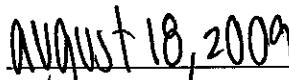
WHEREFORE, the foregoing provisions are consented to, are hereby made the final Order of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, and become effective on the date indicated in the Certificate of Service below.


**IT IS SO ORDERED.**


  
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Wesley Jones, Ph.D.  
Chairman, Complaint Review Committee

**APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:**

  
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Lauren Bartlett, Licensee

  
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Date

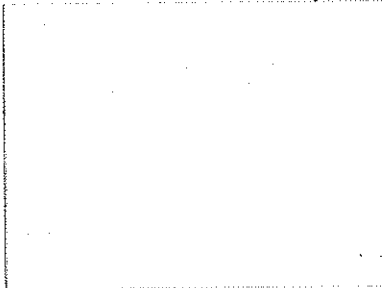
  
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Gaye B. Tibbets, Esq.  
Counsel for Licensee

  
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Date

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Lauren Bartlett



Gaye B. Tibbets  
Hite, Fanning & Honeyman,  
100 North Broadway, Suite 950  
Wichita, KS 67202-2209

For the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board