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BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
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Angela Lightle,	)	**Case No. 12-CS-0092**
LSCSW #4124,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

NOW, on this 18 day of February, 2016, the above-captioned matter comes before the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (Board or BSRB), by and through Assistant Attorney General Whitney L. Casement, by agreement of the Board and Angela Lightle (Licensee), for the purpose of resolving the above-captioned case.

Licensee hereby acknowledges the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee is currently, and was at all times relevant herein, a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW) within the meaning of the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6301 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

2. Licensee engaged in an intimate dual relationship with a client from around April 2011 to March 2012 while also seeing that client for therapy until the fall of 2011, when he terminated services.

3. This relationship caused the client mental and emotional harm, including thoughts of suicide.

4. At the time, Licensee was employed at Wyandot Mental Health Center.

5. Licensee abruptly ended her employment with her employer on or about March 5, 2012 without explanation and had no further contact with clients effective immediately.

6. Licensee voluntarily ceased the practice of social work after she ended her employment and has not practiced social work since that time.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. The Complaint Review Committee of the Board finds that Licensee has violated the following statute and regulation:

A. K.S.A. 65-6311. Grounds for suspension, limitation, revocation or refusal to issue or renew license; procedure.

(a) The board may suspend, limit, revoke, condition or refuse to issue or renew a license of any social worker upon proof that the social worker:

(4) has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules established by the board.

B. K.A.R. 102-2-7. Unprofessional Conduct.

Any of the following acts by . . . a licensee. . . shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

(h) failing to recognize, seek intervention, and otherwise appropriately respond when one's own personal problems, psychosocial distress, or mental health difficulties interfere with or negatively impact professional judgment, professional performance and functioning, or the ability to act in the client's best interests;

(y) making sexual advances toward or engaging in physical intimacies or sexual activities with one's client, supervisee, or student;

(z) making sexual advances toward, engaging in physical intimacies or sexual activities with, or exercising undue influence over any person who, within the past 24 months, has been one's client;

(mm) failing to notify the client promptly when termination or interruption of service to the client is anticipated;

(nn) failing to seek continuation of service, or abandoning or neglecting a client under or in need of professional care, without making reasonable arrangements

for that care;

(oo) abandoning employment under circumstances that seriously impair the delivery of professional care to clients and without providing reasonable notice to the employer;

(pp) failing to terminate the social work services when it is apparent that the relationship no longer serves the client's needs or best interests;

(xx) practicing social work in an incompetent manner;

8. Proceedings under the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act are subject to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (K.S.A. 77-501, *et seq.*) ("KAPA") pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6311.

9. The Board is authorized to take disciplinary action against a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6311.

10. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee because Licensee was at all times relevant hereto a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker within the meaning of the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6301, *et seq.*, and amendments thereto. The Board has been charged by the Kansas Legislature with the responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by assuring the current competence to practice of its licensees.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11. Licensee consents to the following terms and conditions:

a) 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. 12-CS-0092.

b) Licensee waives the right to file a motion for reconsideration and all rights of appeal pursuant to the Kansas Judicial Review Act in relation to Case No. 12-CS-0092.

c) For a period of two years, Licensee shall practice only under individual supervision by a Board-approved LSCSW supervisor and shall meet with her supervisor in person for a minimum of one hour per every 20 hours of client contact, while employed as a LSCSW in the State of Kansas. Only supervision conducted while Licensee is employed and practicing as a LSCSW counts towards the two-year term of supervised practice. The focus of the supervision shall be on professional boundaries.

d) Licensee shall continue therapy as directed by her therapist.

e) Licensee shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement and Order to the supervisor and authorize the supervisor to provide written quarterly reports to the Board's Special Investigator for the two-year term of supervision.

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

g) Licensee understands that a notification of this Consent Agreement and Order may be provided to any other state or federal agency with which Licensee is licensed, registered, or certified.

h) Licensee acknowledges an affirmative duty to notify the Board within ten 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) This Consent Agreement and Order constitutes the entire agreement between the 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 the facts memorialized in this Consent Agreement and Order.

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.

Terry Pfannenstiel, PsD

Terry Pfannenstiel
Chair, Complaint Review Committee

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:

Angela K. Lightle
Angela Lightle
Licensee

1/24/16
Date

APPROVED BY:

Tyler P. Garretson
Attorney for Licensee

1-27-16
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 18 day of February, 2016, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Summary Proceeding Order was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Angela Lightle
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