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BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD

In the Matter of)
)
IRMA JEFFRIES,)
License #7928)
Licensee)
_____)

Case No. 13-MS-0025

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

NOW, on this 13 day of November, 2014, 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 Irma Jeffries (Licensee), by and through her counsel, Danielle R. Sanger for the purpose of resolving the above-captioned case.

Licensee hereby acknowledges the following:

1. Irma Jeffries is currently, and was at all times relevant to this Consent Agreement and Order, a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) within the meaning of the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6301, *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
2. On September 12, 2012, the Board received a Report of Alleged Violations stating that Licensee may have violated certain statutes and regulations governing unprofessional conduct and prohibited acts. Licensee was informed of the reported information and given an opportunity to respond.
3. On October 22, 2012, the Board received a written response from Licensee.
4. As a result of the report and subsequent investigation, the Board finds that the

following facts have been established by a preponderance of the evidence:

- a. Licensee is a Master Social Worker currently licensed in Kansas.
- b. As early as July 2012 and as late as September 2012, Jeffries stated on a website advertising her services as a social worker that she was certified in hypnosis. However, Jeffries was not certified in hypnosis at that time.
- c. In at least July 2012, Jeffries advertised the following on her own website: "While medications not right for everyone for those who are interested, Irma Jeffries, LMSW, LAC, offers on site medication evaluations and management in the Wichita area." Licensee was not licensed to offer and provide these services herself. However, Licensee did refer clients to providers who were licensed to provide medication evaluations and management.
- d. Also in July 2012, Jeffries represented on third party advertising websites that she held a clinical licensure, that she had practiced social work for 6-10 years, and that she could provide medication management and prescribe medicine. None of these representations were true.

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

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 or an applicant for a social work license shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

- (j) offering to perform or performing services clearly inconsistent or incommensurate

with one's training, education, and experience and with accepted professional standards for social work;

- (w) engaging in professional activities, including billing practices and advertising, involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;
- (ee) making claims of professional superiority that one cannot substantiate;

However, Licensee and the Board mutually desire to enter a Consent Agreement and Order in lieu of adjudicative proceedings to resolve the reported 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. 13-MS-0025.

WHEREFORE, 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. 13-MS-0025.

WHEREFORE, Licensee consents to the following terms and conditions:

(a) Licensee shall pay a fine of \$100.00 to the Board within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order.

(b) Licensee shall complete at least five hours of continuing education in ethics that are in addition to the biennial requirement within 60 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order. This condition shall be deemed satisfied upon the Board's receipt of Licensee's written proof of completion of the five extra hours of continuing education in ethics within 60 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order. Failure to provide the Board with written proof of completion of the extra continuing education hours within 60 days of the effective date is a violation of this Consent Agreement and Order and may result in further action by the Board.

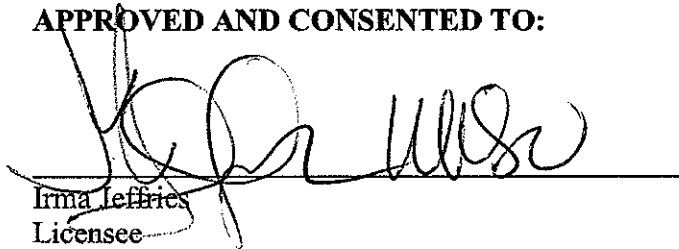
(c) Licensee shall submit a printed copy of all pages from the websites she operates to the Board on a quarterly basis for the 12 months immediately following the effective date of

indicated in the Certificate of Service below.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

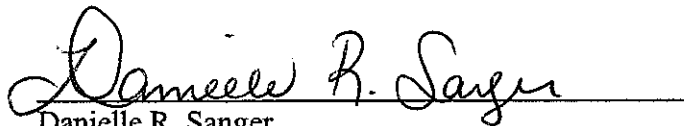

Terry Pfannenstiel
Chair, Complaint Review Committee

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:


Irma Jeffries
Licensee

10/25/14
Date

APPROVED BY:


Danielle R. Sanger
Counsel for Licensee

10/31/2014
Date

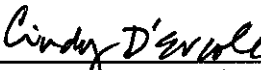
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 13 day of November, 2014, a true and correct copy of the above Consent Agreement and Order was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

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