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**BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**

In the Matter of )  
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STEVEN STEINHAUS, )  
 LCAC #106, )  
 Respondent )  
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Case No. 17-CA-071  
Case No. 17-CA-103

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

NOW, on this 11 day of April, 2018, the above-captioned matter comes before the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board [Board], by and through Assistant Attorney General Marty M. Snyder, by agreement with Steven Steinhaus [Respondent / Licensee], through counsel Brian Wright, for the purpose of resolving the above-captioned case.

Respondent hereby acknowledges the following:

1. Steven Steinhaus, at all times relevant, has been a Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor within the meaning of the Addictions Counselor Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6601, *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
2. On December 20, 2016, and January 24, 2017, the Board received reports of information concerning Respondent's conduct, disclosing that Respondent may have violated certain statutes and regulations governing the practice of addictions counseling in Kansas.
3. The Board conducted an investigation concerning the reported violations in the related complaints. During the investigation, Respondent provided requested information to the investigator through counsel.

4. As a result of the investigation, the Board finds that the following facts have been established by a preponderance of persuasive evidence:

a. Respondent operated a certified Batterer Intervention Program [BIP] until the certificate was revoked on Dec. 5, 2016 and the revocation became final [no timely request for hearing] on Dec. 23, 2016.

b. On December 8, 2016, Respondent called Dian Organ, co-facilitator for a BIP group meeting in Colby and told her he could not make it to the assessments that day due to snow. When she pointed out there was no snow, he stated he had just awakened and decided not to travel. He refused to provide Ms. Organ with the names of his scheduled clients so they could be contacted regarding the cancellations. He later admitted he was embarrassed to tell her he had just received a copy of the BIP certificate revocation.

c. In the second complaint, Respondent mis-identified NH as being a batterer instead of the victim. He assigned her to the wrong group after a short 30-minute intake interview and revealed confidential information to her regarding her former husband.

d. In another referral, Respondent conducted an assessment for client AC but failed to complete the documentation in a timely manner and never sent it to AC, the county attorney or AC's attorney. He did provide a copy he completed along with his written response to the complaints. By that time, the new program had already completed AC's new assessment free of charge.

e. Respondent states he did not intend to harm or abandon any clients but had never run a grant program before, did not understand the requirements and was going through a divorce during this time.

## **Conclusions of Law**

The Complaint Review Committee of the Board finds that probable cause exists to believe Respondent has violated the following statutes and regulations:

**A. K.S.A. 65-6615. Grounds for discipline (a)(9).**

**B. K.A.R. 102-7-11 – Unprofessional Conduct.**

Each of the following acts shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a licensed addiction counselor:

(a) Except when the information has been obtained in the context of confidentiality, failing to notify the board, within a reasonable period of time, that the licensee or applicant or any other person regulated by the board or applying for licensure or registration has met any of these conditions:

(1) Has had a professional license, certificate, permit, registration, certification, or professional membership granted by any jurisdiction, professional association, or professional organization that has been limited, conditioned, qualified, restricted, suspended, revoked, refused, voluntarily surrendered, or allowed to expire in lieu of or during investigatory or disciplinary proceedings;

(g) 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;

(i) offering to perform or performing services clearly inconsistent or incommensurate with one's training, education, or experience or with accepted professional standards;

However, Respondent and the Board mutually desire to enter a Consent Agreement and Order in lieu of adjudicative proceedings to resolve the above violations.

WHEREFORE, Respondent 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 [KAPA] in relation to Case Nos. 17-CA-071 and 17-CA-103.

WHEREFORE, Respondent waives the right to file a motion for reconsideration and all rights of appeal pursuant to the Kansas Judicial Review Act [KJRA] in relation to Case Nos. 17-CA-071 and 17-CA-103.

WHEREFORE, the Board and Respondent agree to the following terms and conditions of probation until he has completed one year of supervised practice:

(a) Licensee shall obtain clinical level supervision by a Board-approved supervisor not in a dual relationship with Licensee. They shall meet face-to-face a minimum of one hour per week. Licensee shall provide copies of this CAO to his supervisor. The focus of the supervision shall be on consolidating his practice for professionalism, efficiency, accuracy and personal well-being. Licensee's practice shall be limited to substance abuse counseling only. The supervisor shall provide quarterly written reports to the Board's Investigator but initiate immediate contact if any problems are identified.

(b) Licensee shall obtain three extra CEU hours in Ethics, focusing on client-centered professional services and communication in addition to the biennial requirement with proof of completion furnished to the Board's Investigator within 180 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

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

(d) Evidence of Respondent's failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in summary suspension of Respondent's Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor license until such time as he can demonstrate compliance with all terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

(e) Respondent acknowledges an affirmative duty to notify the Board's Investigator 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.

(f) Respondent understands that a notification of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be provided to any other state licensing board if Respondent is also licensed, registered or certified in another state and as otherwise required by law.

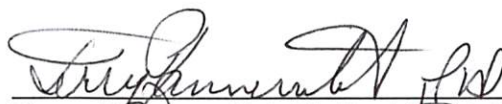
(g) This Consent Agreement and Order constitutes the entire agreement between Respondent and the Board and may be modified or amended only by written agreement signed by Respondent and the Board or a designee of the Board.

WHEREFORE, Respondent 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.

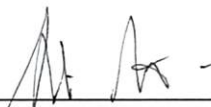
WHEREFORE, the Board agrees that, so long as Respondent complies with the above conditions, the Board will not initiate further disciplinary action against Licensee in relation to violations of K.S.A. 65-6615 and K.A.R. 102-7-11 as a result of this proceeding.

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 this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

  
Terry Pfannenstiel, Ph.D., ~~LCP~~, LCMFT  
Chair, Complaint Review Committee

**APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Steinhaus, LCAC  
Licensee / Respondent

3-20-18  
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Date


**REVIEWED BY:**

  
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Brian Wright, Esq.  
Counsel for Licensee / Respondent

3-26-18  
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Date

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this 11 day of April, 2018, 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:

Steven Steinhaus  


Brian Wright, Esq.  
Wright Law Office, Chtd.  
4312 10<sup>th</sup> St. Place  
Great Bend, KS 67530

and a copy sent by building mail to:

Marty M. Snyder, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General

  
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For the Board