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**BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**

**In The Matter Of**

**JESSICA D. JORDING,  
LAC #1575**

**Respondent**

**Case No. 19-AC-0075**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536

**SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER**

NOW, on this 26 day of November, 2019, the above-captioned matter comes before the Complaint Review Committee of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board ("Board").

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board finds that the following facts have been established by a preponderance of the evidence:

1. Jessica D. Jording ("Respondent") was at all times relevant, a Licensed Addictions Counselor ("LAC") within the meaning of the Kansas Addictions Counselor Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6607, *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
2. On or about December 3, 2018, the Board received a Report of Alleged Violation that alleged Respondent may have been in violation of the Kansas Addictions Counselor Licensure Act.
3. Respondent worked as an addiction counselor at Valley Hope of Norton, in Norton, Kansas.

4. The complaint alleged that Respondent had a relationship with a former client of Valley Hope of Norton.

5. Respondent reported to the Board that she openly communicates on occasion with this former client of Valley Hope of Norton.

6. In addition, Respondent reported that she communicates with many former clients from Valley Hope of Norton.

7. On or about October 1, 2019, Respondent resigned from her position at Valley Hope on her own accord.

#### **APPLICABLE LAW**

8. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6615(c): Administrative proceedings and disciplinary actions regarding licensure under the Addiction Counselor Licensure Act shall be conducted in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

9. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 77-537(a) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (“KAPA”), a state agency may use summary proceedings, subject to a party’s request for a hearing on the order, if:

- (1) The use of those proceedings in the circumstances does not violate any provision of law;
- (2) the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties;
- (3) based upon an investigation of the facts by the state agency, beyond receipt of the allegations, the state agency believes in good faith that the allegations will be supported to the applicable standard of proof, provided however that an alleged failure to meet the standards set forth in this subsection shall not be subject to immediate judicial review and shall not invalidate any later agency action that has been supported to the applicable standard of proof; and
- (4) the order does not take effect until after the time for requesting a hearing has expired.

10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6608(c): “Licensed addiction counselor” means a person who engages in the practice of addiction counseling limited to substance abuse disorders and who is licensed under this act.

11. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6615(a)(5): The board may refuse to issue, renew or reinstate a license, may condition, limit, revoke or suspend a license, may publicly or privately censure a licensee or may impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation upon a finding that a licensee or an applicant for license has violated a provision of the addiction counselor licensure act or one or more of the rules and regulations of the board. Specifically, K.A.R. 102-7-11(v): engaging in a harmful dual relationship or exercising undue influence.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12. Respondent is in violation of K.S.A. 65-6615(a)(5), as defined in K.A.R. 102-7-11(u), in that Respondent continues to communicate with former clients of Valley Hope of Norton, which is inconsistent with the accepted professional standards.

### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as a condition for continued licensure, Respondent Jessica D. Jording shall:

13. Practice only under individual supervision by an independent clinical-level supervisor to be approved by the Board if employed using her LAC license. This may be Respondent's supervisor at her place of employment. Respondent shall have weekly one (1) hour meetings with the supervisor in a face to face manner. The focus shall include, but not limited to, dual relationships and boundaries. This requirement shall continue for one (1) year.

14. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Final Order; or if Respondent is not currently working using her LAC license and prior to the beginning of using her LAC license, Respondent shall submit to the Board's investigator the name of her proposed supervisor.

15. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Final Order to the supervisor and authorize the supervisor to provide written quarterly reports to the Board's Investigator for one (1) year term

of supervision. There shall be a minimum of four (4) quarterly reports (every three [3] months) submitted to the Board's investigator during this one (1) year supervision timeframe.

16. During the time this Final Order is in effect, Respondent shall not serve as a supervisor to any person licensed by the Board, any person attaining supervised experienced in preparation for licensure by the Board, or any unlicensed person, including students or volunteers, who participate in the delivery of addiction counseling services.

17. Hours of supervision attained by Respondent pursuant to this Final Order shall not count toward any supervised experience hours required for a higher level of licensure.

18. Additionally, Respondent shall obtain six (6) extra continuing education hours in Ethics beyond the biennial requirement, taken in-person or on-line within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Final Order. These additional continuing education hours shall include, but not limited to, dual relationships and boundaries.

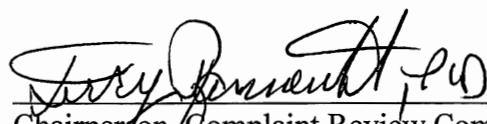
19. These hours shall be in addition to those continuing education hours required for renewal of license.

20. All foreseen and unforeseen expenses to complete the aforementioned course(s) including travel, lodging, program fee, meals, etc., shall be at Respondent's own expense.

21. Respondent must notify the Board's Investigator within ten (10) days of a change in her employment and/or address change.

22. Respondent shall be responsible for any costs and expenses incurred in satisfying the terms of this Final Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED ON THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2019.



Chairperson, Complaint Review Committee  
On behalf of the Behavioral Sciences  
Regulatory Board

## NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, this Summary Proceeding Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for hearing to:

Max Foster, Executive Director  
Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
700 SW Harrison St., Suite 420  
Topeka, KS 66603-3929

This written request must be filed within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date indicated in the below Certificate of Service. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the 15-day period begins the day after the date indicated in the Certificate of Service and includes weekends and legal holidays. If the 15<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the 15-day period runs until 5:00 p.m. on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. A request is considered "filed" on the date it is received at the Board's office. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes a final order subject to judicial review. A petition for judicial review should be directed to the above recipient.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this 26 day of November 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Proceeding Order was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Jessica D. Jording



and a copy delivered via interoffice mail to:

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