



**KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**  
Eisenhower State Office Building  
700 SW Harrison, Suite 420  
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3240

In the Matter of )  
Louise K. Gordon )  
LP #1081 )  
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Case No. 23-LP-0094

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

Now, on this 11 day of July, 2023, the above-captioned matter comes before the Complaint Review Committee of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board ("Board") by agreement of Louise K. Gordon ("Licensee") and the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board for the purposes of resolving the above-captioned case.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Licensee hereby acknowledges the following facts:

1. Licensee was at all times relevant herein, a Licensed Psychologist (LP) within the meaning of the Psychologist Licensure Act, K.S.A. 74-5301 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
2. Licensee's LP license expired on June 30, 2022. On November 23, 2022, Licensee realized her license had expired. Licensee's license was reinstated on December 20, 2022.
3. As part of completion of the reinstatement process, it was reported that Licensee obtained eight continuing education hours in ethics and diagnosis and treatment in December 2022. It was noted that Licensee was short of these hours when her license expired.
4. From the time of July 1, 2022, until November 23, 2022, Licensee states she provided services as a licensed psychologist, though her license was expired. Licensee informed the Board that from November 23, 2022, until December 20, 2022, she continued to provide services to clients during this time, noting that she did not want to abandon her clients due to an error on her part.

## **APPLICABLE LAW**

5. Pursuant K.S.A. 74-5302(a): "Practice of psychology" means the application of established principles of learning, motivation, perception, thinking and emotional relationships to problems of behavior adjustment, group relations and behavior modification, by persons trained in psychology. The application of such principles includes, but is not restricted to, counseling and the use of psychological remedial measures with persons, in groups or individually, having adjustment or emotional problems in the areas of work, family, school and personal relationships; measuring and testing personality, intelligence, aptitudes, public opinion, attitudes and skills; the teaching of such subject matter; and the conducting of research on problems relating to human behavior, except that in all cases involving the care of the sick and ill as defined by the laws of this state, the primary responsibility devolves upon those licensed under the Kansas healing arts act. The practice of psychology includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations. If a licensed psychologist cannot make an independent diagnosis of a mental disorder, such psychologist shall consult with the client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be a medical condition or medication that may be causing or contributing to the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing that such consultation be waived and such request shall be made a part of the client's record. A licensed psychologist may continue to evaluate and treat the client until such time that the medical consultation is obtained or waived.

6. K.S.A. 74-5324. Grounds for suspension, limitation, condition, revocation or refusal to issue or renew license; procedure; licensure of applicant with felony conviction; requirements.

(a) 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 a license:

(5) Has violated a provision of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas or one or more rules and regulations of the board.

7. K.A.R. 102-1-8. Renewal and Reinstatement.

(a) Each licensed psychologist shall renew that individual's licensure pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5319, and its amendments, by submitting the following to the board:

(1) the renewal form approved and provided by the board;

(2) the renewal fee required by K.S.A. 74-5319 and its amendments,, as set forth in K.A.R. 102-1-13(a)(3); and

(3) evidence satisfactory to the board that the psychologist has completed 50 continuing education hours as specified in K.A.R. 102-1-15.

8. K.S.A. 74-5318 Biennial mailing of renewal application; continuing education; penalty for failure to timely renew; notice of change of address.

(a) An application for renewal shall be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed, during the previous 24 months, the continuing education required by rules and regulations of the board. As part of such continuing education, a licensed psychologist shall complete not less than six continuing education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders and not less than three continuing education hours of professional ethics.

(d) Any psychologist who has failed to renew a license and continues to represent oneself as a psychologist after July 1 shall be in violation of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas. The board may suspend or revoke such psychologist's license under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5324, and amendments thereto.

However, Licensee and Board mutually desire to enter a Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement") in lieu of adjudicative proceedings at this time.

WHEREFORE, Licensee consents to the following interim conditions:

a. Licensee will notify affected insurance providers and clients of the timeframe her license was expired, providing documentation of these notifications to the Board's investigator within 45 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement Order.

b. Licensee shall pay a fine to the Board in the amount of \$500.

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

d. Licensee's renewal application shall be audited for the next two (2) renewal cycles.

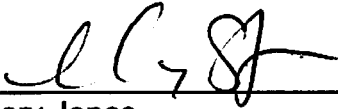
e. This Consent Agreement and Order will be reported to other licensing boards, it is public record in the custody of the Board, and it can only be modified by a further order of the Board.

f. Licensee shall submit to the Board's investigator at its offices at 700 SW Harrison, Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas, 66603, any and all documents evidencing compliance with the terms and conditions required by this Consent Agreement and Order.

WHEREFORE, the Board further 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.S.A. 74-5324, K.A.R. 102-1-8, and K.S.A. 74-5318 as a result of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing provisions are consented to, are hereby made the 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.**



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

**APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:**

  
Louise K. Gordon, Licensee

6/30/23  
Date


**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this 11 day of ~~June~~<sup>July</sup> 2023, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Consent Agreement Order was placed in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Louise K. Gordon  
[REDACTED]

And by e-mail to: [Jeremy.Dorsey@ks.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Dorsey@ks.gov)

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