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**BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
REGULATORY BOARD**

In the Matter of )  
)  
**JULIE SULLIVAN,** )  
LMFT #986, expired )  
Respondent )

Case Nos. 16-MF-092  
16-MF-117

**SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER OF REVOCATION**

NOW, on this 19 day of January, 2017, the above-captioned complaint comes before the Complaint Review Committee [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 clear and convincing evidence:

1. Julie Sullivan [Licensee, Respondent] was previously a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist [LMFT] within the meaning of the Marriage and Family Therapists Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6401, et seq., and amendments thereto. License #986 was issued to her on July 29, 2008, but it expired July 31, 2012.
2. On February 29, 2016, the Board received a report of alleged violation against Licensee. A letter was sent to Licensee that requested a written

response to the complaint. However, Licensee did not furnish a response until April 15, 2016. In her response, she denied she was advertising falsely and stated she was not accepting new clients but failed to address her usage of false clinical level licensure or whether she had practiced on an expired license. A complaint from a different complainant was received April 22, and Licensee was requested to respond in a letter dated May 27. A follow-up letter was sent August 25 when Licensee failed to respond. A written response was received September 19 in which Licensee blamed the Complainant and did not address the allegations of the complaint. The investigator emailed follow-up questions on November 4 and November 18; however, Licensee never responded further but did appear for questions before the Complaint Review Committee's December 2016 meeting.

3. The Committee proceeded to review and discuss the investigation report and Licensee's verbal information and found a preponderance of clear and convincing evidence of the following facts:

a. Licensee has never had a Kansas LCMFT license, despite her advertisements that she did. She has never been licensed as a therapist at the independent clinical level. Licensee has not held a valid Kansas LMFT license since July of 2012, but continued to advertise, practice and bill for services as if she did.

b. Licensee falsely advertised her professional credentials and falsely advertised in 2014 that she had 15 years of professional experience, despite being initially licensed in 2008, with six years of experience.

c. Licensee's written responses and appearance before the Committee failed to address or explain her violations or her failure to correct her licensure status with the Board adequately. Licensee states she is no longer practicing marriage and family therapy but provides services as a "life coach" and "mediator."

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4. The Complaint Review Committee of the Board found that probable cause exists to believe Licensee violated the following statutes and regulations:

- A. K.S.A. 65-6407(b) – licensure expiration and renewal.**
- B. K.S.A. 65-6408 – grounds for revocation (3), (6) and (7).**
- C. K.A.R. 102-5-12 -- Unprofessional Conduct.**

(b)(2)(E) – failing to notify Board that Licensee has practiced in violation of the laws of regulations that regulate the profession;

(8) – failing to recognize or appropriately respond when one's own personal problems, psychosocial distress or mental health difficulties interfere with professional judgment, performance and functioning;

(9) – failing or refusing to cooperate in a timely manner with any request from the Board for a response, information or assistance;

(23) – engaging in professional activities, including billing practices and advertising, involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;

(51) – practicing marriage and family therapy after one's license expires;

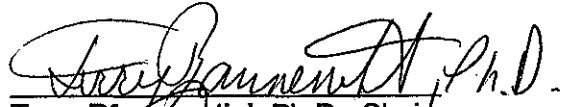
(52) – using without a license or continuing to use after a license has expired any title or abbreviation prescribed by law to be used solely by persons who currently hold that type or class of license.

- D. K.S.A. 65-6403 – unlicensed practice prohibited, Class B misdemeanor crime.**

5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the Board may hold summary proceedings pursuant to the terms of the statute. The Board finds that this matter is appropriate for summary disposition.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-537, the Board finds that Licensee Julie Sullivan's Kansas Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist license should be and is hereby revoked.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

  
Terry Pfarrenstiel, Ph.D., Chair  
Complaint Review Committee  
Kansas 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  
Eisenhower State Office Bldg., #420  
700 SW Harrison St.  
Topeka, KS 66603

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Any such request must be filed within fifteen (15) days of service of this Notice. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Proceeding Order becomes final and effective upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing and will be a Final Order of the Board.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this 19 day of January, 2017, a true and correct copy of the above Summary Proceeding Order of Revocation was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

[REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

and a copy sent by building mail to:

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