BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

In Re:)	CONSENT ORDER
Robert Foster, LPC)	
RESPONDENT)	

A complaint having been filed against Respondent with the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, and after investigation, the Board having found probable cause to believe that respondent had violated one provision of the Code of Ethics for Licensed Professional Counselors, in that respondent is alleged to have kissed a client, and further that the Respondent has admitted said conduct, and voluntarily seeks to take responsibility for his actions, and it further appearing that it would serve the ends of justice that a Consent Order be entered which will resolve this matter, and to that end, with the consent of all parties, the Board hereby enters the following Order:

IT IS, BY CONSENT, HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED;

- 1. Respondent is hereby placed on probationary status from one year of the date the Chair signs this consent order.
- 2. Respondent will provide the Board, within two weeks of the date the Chair signs this order, a written statement acknowledging that Respondent will not provide direct care to clients during the period of probation.
- 3. Respondent will obtain an assessment and follow any treatment to address the unresolved issues that led to this behavior.
- 4. Respondent will request a report from his therapist thirty (60) days prior to the completion of his probationary term to evaluate whether or not he should return to providing direct clinical care. Respondent agrees to follow the therapists recommendations and provide a copy of these recommendations to the Ethics Committee for its review at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the probationary period.
- 5. Respondent shall complete six additional hours of ethics training within the probationary period, and provide proof of completion to the Board.
- 6. Respondent shall maintain the needed continuing education hours for license renewal, and if

his license renewal comes up within the probationary period, he will notify the Board of his probationary status with his renewal packet for review by the Board.

This 30th day of October 2006.

Chairperson, NCBLPC

CONSENTED TO: