

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

In Re:)	
)	CONSENT ORDER
GARREN CARTER, LPC)	
RESPONDENT)	

A complaint was filed against Respondent with the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, and after investigation, the Board found probable cause to believe that respondent violated certain provisions of the North Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor's Act, Chapter 90 Article 24 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Respondent filed his responses to the complaint wherein he denied the allegations in the complaint. The Board and Respondent agree that it would serve the ends of justice that a Consent Order be entered which will resolve this matter without a formal hearing, and to that end, with the consent of all parties, the Board hereby enters the following Order:

IT IS, BY CONSENT, FOUND AS FACT, CONCLUDED AS LAW, and ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED;

1. Respondent at present is not providing counseling services in North Carolina, but wishes to satisfy the supervision requirements set out below from his residence in Tennessee.
2. The Board would issue a private letter of reprimand to Respondent.
3. Respondent can continue to provide counseling services, but must do so under the following terms and conditions:

A. Respondent will be on probationary status beginning on the date of the entry of this Order and continuing until he has completed six months supervised practice under the supervision of a Board Approved Supervisor.

B. Respondent will locate a supervisor who meets the Board's or another state's requirements for an approved supervisor, and will submit the same to the Board for approval within 20 days of the date this Order is entered. The Board will give notice to the Respondent of its approval or disapproval within 5 days. The Respondent is to begin under supervision no later than 30 days of the date this Order is entered and continue under supervision as set out below for a period of a full six months.

C. Once the supervisor is approved, Respondent will be working under supervision of 1 hour of supervision for every 40 hours of his clinical work. The supervision shall be by review of case notes, meaning Respondent shall meet with the supervisor to review Respondent's case notes from 1 hour of his previous 40 hours of clinical work. Respondent will be under this supervision for 6 full months.

D. The approved supervisor will report the ongoing supervision to the Board at the end of each month, no later than the 15th of the following month. Respondent will share the charge letter, his response, and this Consent Order with the supervisor. The Respondent will sign a consent for the supervisor to release information of supervision to the Board in these monthly status reports. The supervisor's reports should address any issues or concerns with the Respondent's compliance with the code of Ethics.

4. Respondent can not act as a supervisor for applicants for licensure during the probationary period.

5. Respondent will remain under the care of a treatment provider during the probationary period and comply with said treatment provider's recommendations. Respondent will sign an authorization allowing the treatment provider to communicate to the Board at the end of the six months supervision of its recommendations as to further treatment for Respondent, or whether any issues have arisen during that time period which would be of concern to Respondent's counseling activities.

5. If the Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent's license is subject to revocation or further disciplinary action. The Board will monitor the Respondent's compliance with the Consent Order, and if supervision reports are not received by the 15th day of the month following the supervision, the Board will send a delinquent notice to the Respondent. Respondent is responsible to notify his supervisor of the delinquency.

6. At the end of the six months period of supervision, the Board will promptly review this matter. If Respondent has complied with the terms of this Consent Order and no issues or concerns with his compliance with the code of Ethics have been raised by the supervisor, (1) the probationary period shall be deemed completed, (2) Respondent may resume a counseling practice without limitations or restrictions, and (3) any qualification about Respondent's status (e.g. "Reprimand") shall be immediately removed from the website of the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors.

7. The Board retains jurisdiction over this action.

This 23rd day of July 2010.

Christina J. Greene
Chris Greene
Chairperson, NCBLPC

CONSENTED TO:

Garren Carter
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