

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

CASE 2019-05
CASE 2021-02

IN MATTERS
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE BOARD

IN RE:

Dr. STANLEY HALL,
Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming to be heard and being heard before the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board (the "Board") at its 10-28-21 2021 meeting, pursuant to a statement of charges issued by the Board on May 12, 2021, which charges are pending; and

IT APPEARING to the Board that the Respondent has stipulated to certain facts and to the entry of a Consent Order in conformity therewith;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by the undersigned Respondent and the Board that:

1. Respondent was at all times relevant to this matter a licensed marriage and family therapist and is subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Act, Chapter 90, Article 18C of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. Regarding Case 2019-05, during the time period including December 2016 - July 2018, Respondent provided therapy services to the Complainant and others in her family.
3. Such services included couples therapy with Complainant and her husband, individual therapy with each of them, and individual therapy with two of their minor children.
4. After Complainant discontinued therapy with Respondent, she filed Complaint 2019-05 with the Board alleging ethical violations arising from such therapy.
5. After investigations, the Board found probable cause to believe Respondent had violated the provisions of Section 1.2, Informed Consent, Section 1.3, Multiple Relationships, and 1.9, Relationship Beneficial to Client, of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Code of Ethics (2015) (the "Code of Ethics"), and North Carolina General Statute 90-270.60(a)(4), and issued a statement of charges accordingly.
6. Regarding Case 2021-02, the Board initiated the Complaint alleging violation of Code of Ethics Section 9.6, Employee or Supervisor Qualifications, based on the Respondent's website advertising a supervisee as a marriage and family therapist when she was not licensed as such. The statement of charges included this allegation.

7. Respondent has denied any ethical or statutory violations regarding both 2019-05 and 2021-02.
8. Respondent and the Board have agreed to resolution of these matters as set forth herein.
9. The Board has complied with all notice, procedural and other requirements relating to Respondent and this matter imposed by all applicable law.
10. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Respondent in these matters and over the subject matter of this proceeding.
11. The Respondent expressly waives any right he may have to a hearing in these matters, to the making of findings of facts and conclusions of law and to any judicial review of this matter.
12. The Respondent forever releases the State of North Carolina, the Board, and all its members, officials, agents and representatives, both past and present, in their individual or official capacities from any and all liability, suits, claims, and causes of action, arising prior to or as a result of the execution of this Consent Order.
13. This Consent Order contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies, alters or adds to this Consent Order.

14. The Respondent acknowledges that prior to signing this Consent Order he has been provided with legal advice concerning every aspect of this Consent Order from his attorney.
15. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that he has entered into and signed this Consent Order voluntarily and without coercion or duress.
16. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Consent Order will become effective on the date it is signed and dated by the Board's Chair.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

- I. Respondent's license to practice as a Marriage and Family Therapist is placed on probation for a period of eighteen (18) months;
- II. Respondent shall not take on any new marriage and family therapist supervisees during the probationary period, with the exception of current designated interns as of the date of this order and with the further exception that he may take on supervisees during the last six (6) months of the probationary period if his supervisor grants prior written approval of same;

III. Respondent shall practice during the probationary period under supervision by a supervisor pre-approved by the Board for this matter, with supervision meetings once a month during the probationary period, with supervision reports regularly submitted to the Board.

IV. Respondent shall take nine additional hours of continuing education during the first year of probation and 3 additional hours during the second year (beyond the standard requirements), with the courses relating to the violations charged, such as ce-credit-com's "21 Ethical Fallacies: Cognitive Strategies To Justify Unethical Behavior and Ethics, Critical Thinking, and Language;" AAMFT's "2015 Code of Ethics: Responsibilities to Clients and Supervisees," and "Managing Information in the Practice," and "Multiple Relationships in Small Communities & Subcultures;" and The Center for Ethical Practice's "Informed Consent to Psychotherapy: Ethical Issues & Potential Pitfalls" or similar courses.

V. Respondent shall reimburse the Board for investigative costs in the amount of \$1,925.00. Payment of this amount shall not amount to an admission of fault, but

is made in an effort to avoid the cost and expense of a full board hearing.

VI. Upon satisfactory compliance with these terms and no ethical violations, Respondent may be returned to full licensure at the end of the probationary period.

VII. The Board shall maintain this Consent Order as a public record pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 90270.60(f).

This the 30 of Sept, 2021.

CONSENTED TO BY:

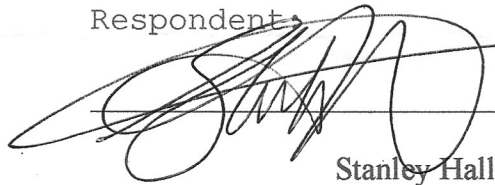
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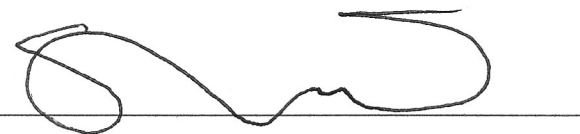
By: 

Sandra Vander Linde, Chair

Date: 10-28-21

Respondent:


Stanley Hall


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Suzanne R. Walker