

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

CASE 2019-15

IN A MATTER
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE BOARD

IN RE:)
)
MACY WILLIAMSON,) CONSENT ORDER
Respondent)
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)

THIS CAUSE coming to be heard and being heard before the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board (the "Board") at its April 2020 meeting, pursuant to a statement of charges, 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 associate 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. During the time period including February 2019, Respondent

was engaged, under supervision, in the practice of marriage and family therapy in the state of North Carolina.

3. On an occasion in February 2019, Respondent was impaired by alcohol when she appeared for a treatment session with her clients.
4. The clients contacted the local police department so that it could conduct a well-check on Respondent.
5. Respondent thereafter obtained treatment for her alcohol abuse issues and continues in recovery.
6. Someone stating he was connected to the police department called the Board, advised that Respondent had been taken to the hospital following the above incident, and expressed concern about the Respondent's ability to practice, but did not make a formal complaint.
7. In mid June 2019, Respondent submitted her application for conversion from licensed marriage and family therapist associate (LMFTA) to licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT).
8. As part of such application, Respondent affirmed, *inter alia*, that she had not engaged in any practice or conduct that would be a ground for denial, revocation, or suspension of a license under G.S. 90-270.60 and that she had not suppressed information that might affect the application.

9. It was not until late June, when the Board's staff questioned Respondent whether there was any additional information she should consider disclosing to the Board, that she provided information about her February conduct and recovery process.
10. On September 19, 2019, the Board sent Respondent a letter denying her conversion application based on North Carolina General Statutes 90-270.52 and 90-270.60(a)(3).
11. In November 2019, one of the clients from the above-referenced February session filed a complaint with the Board regarding Respondent's conduct.
12. On March 11, 2020, the Board provided Respondent and her counsel a statement of charges in this matter, including violations of sections (3) and (11) of North Carolina General Statute 90-270.60 (a).
13. Respondent and her counsel met with the Board's Ethics Committee, by video-conferencing, on April 8, 2020, and have subsequently agreed to resolution of this matter.
14. The Board has complied with all notice, procedural and other requirements relating to Respondent and this matter imposed by all applicable law.
15. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Respondent in this matter and over the subject matter of this proceeding.

16. The Respondent and the Board have agreed to resolve this matter by these provisions: (a) the Respondent's LMFTA license will be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years; (b) she will have two face-to-face supervision meetings per month with a Board-approved supervisor, with monthly supervision reports submitted to the Board on a Board-approved form, for the first year, then one such meeting per month for the second year; (c) she will take six (6) hours of continuing education beyond the standard requirement in each of the next two (2) years, three (3) in provider impairment/self-care and three (3) in ethics; and (d) Respondent's time to apply for conversion to LMFT will be extended to three (3) months after the probationary period ends.

17. The Respondent expressly waives any right she may have to a hearing in this matter, to the making of finding of facts and conclusions of law and to any judicial review of this matter.

18. 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.

19. 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.
20. The Respondent acknowledges that prior to signing this Consent Order she has been provided with legal advice concerning every aspect of this Consent Order from her attorney.
21. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that she has entered into and signed this Consent Order voluntarily and without coercion or duress.
22. 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 Associate is hereby placed on probation for a period of two (2) years;
- II. Respondent shall engage in two face-to-face supervision meetings per month during the first year of the probationary period with a Board-approved supervisor and monthly supervision reports on a Board-approved form, and one face-to-face supervision meeting per month during the second year;

- III. Respondent shall take six (6) hours of continuing education beyond the standard requirement in each of the next two (2) years, three (3) in provider impairment/self-care, and three (3) in ethics;
- IV. Respondent's time to apply for conversion of her license to LMFT is extended to three (3) months after the end of the probationary period; and
- V. The Board shall maintain this Consent Order as a public record pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 90-270.60(f).

This the first (1st) of June, 2020.

CONSENTED TO BY:

North Carolina Marriage and Family
Therapy Licensure Board

By: Christopher Rodriguez

Christopher Rodriguez, Chair

Date: June 1, 2020

The Respondent:

Macy Williamson 5-11-20

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