STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DEBBIE WREN HILL, LPC
Respondent.
No. 1718

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming on to be heard and being heard before the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors ("the Board"), at its meeting on March 1, 2019, pursuant to a charge letter issued by the Board on July 2, 2018, which is now 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 cause a licensed professional counselor and is subject to the Board’s jurisdiction pursuant to the North Carolina Licensed Professional Counselors Act, Chapter 90, Article 24 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. Respondent enters into this Consent Order as a result of a complaint filed regarding Respondent providing counseling services to a minor child in Asheville, North Carolina. The minor child’s parents were involved in an ongoing child custody dispute during this time period.

3. Respondent and the Board agree to enter into this consent order to avoid the time and the costs associated with full litigation of this matter.

4. Respondent expressly waives any appeal, re-hearing, or other cause of action in this matter, and all further proceedings before the Board to which the Respondent may be entitled by law. Respondent further agrees to file a dismissal in any appeal against the Board related to this matter. Respondent agrees that presentation of this Consent Order to the Board for approval shall not constitute improper ex parte communication between the Board and its counsel, or the Board and its staff, nor require the recusal of the members of the Board from consideration of this matter before the full Board, should a hearing be required in this case.

5. Respondent forever releases the State of North Carolina, the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, and all its members, officials, agents, representatives and employees, 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.

6. Respondent waives the right to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge the validity of
this Consent Order in any court. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order shall be effective only after approval by the full Board and signature of its Chairperson.

7. This Consent Order contains the entire agreement between the undersigned, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies, alters, or adds to this Consent Order.

Based upon the record and the foregoing stipulations,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

I. This Consent Order shall constitute REMEDIAL non-disciplinary action.

II. Any prior Orders entered by the Board in this matter are hereby withdrawn and rescinded and shall be null and void. Respondent dismisses her petition for judicial review filed in this matter.

III. On or before July 31, 2020, the Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of seven (7) online ethics classes and a minimum of thirty four (34) Continuing Education Hours from the Zur Institute Certificate Program In Advanced Ethics Studies In Psychotherapy (https://www.zurinstitute.com/course/certificate-in-ethics/) and on or before August 15, 2020, the Respondent shall submit to the Board the Certificate of Completion. Any and all such hours completed by the Respondent shall qualify for any Continuing Education Requirements of the Board for the renewal of the Respondent’s license.

IV. Respondent shall consult with a Board-approved supervisor for four (4) professional consultation sessions over the next 12 months. Respondent must file a supervision contract and the supervisor must be approved by the Board prior to the beginning of the consultation sessions. The supervision contract must be filed with the Board office no later than one month after this Consent Order is signed by the Board.

V. Respondent’s supervisor shall submit a Final Supervision Report to the Board at the end of the 12 months of consultation sessions. Respondent must receive at least average ratings from her supervisor on the final supervision report in order to be released from the consultation. Any costs and associated expenses of this consultation shall be borne by the Respondent.

VI. The failure of Respondent to abide by any provisions of this Consent Order, if proven true by a preponderance of the evidence following notice and an opportunity for hearing, shall result in the suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action against Respondent’s license, in the discretion of the Board.

VII. The Board shall maintain this Consent Order as a public record pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§132-1 and 90-340(f) and shall provide copies to other agencies or individuals as required by law.
This the 1 day of MARCH, 2019.

CONSENTED TO BY:

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

BY:

Denauvo Robinson, Ed.D., LPC
Board Chairperson

Debbie Wren Hill, LPC
Respondent

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