

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

In Re:

JONATHAN O. CROOK, LPC
RESPONDENT

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CONSENT ORDER

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 had violated a provision of the North Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor's Act, Chapter 90 Article 24 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Respondent filed his response to the complaint wherein he acknowledged that he had a personal relationship with a former client. 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, HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED;

1. Respondent can continue to provide counseling services, but must do so under the following terms and conditions:

A. Respondent will be on probationary status for a maximum period of 12 months starting with the date this order is signed by the Board Chair.

B. Respondent will locate a supervisor who meets the Board's requirements for an approved supervisor, and will submit the same to the Board for approval within 10 days of the date he signs this order. In order to meet this requirement, the Board understands that

the Respondent has been under supervision voluntarily for some time now and will allow Respondent to submit the name of that Supervisor to the Board for approval for continuing supervision. This Supervisor became aware of the complaint and the issues raised in August 2008. This Supervisor will also submit to the Board reports of supervision from her supervision of Respondent from September 2008 to February 2009. The Board will review these supervision reports and consider counting those hours of supervision towards the 12 month requirement. If the Supervisor does not meet the Board's requirements for an approved supervisor, Respondent will need to locate and submit another supervisor to fulfill the requirements of this order within 10 days of notification by the Board.

C. Once approved, Respondent will be working under supervision of 1 hour of supervision for every 40 hours of his clinical work. Respondent will be under this supervision for 12 full months, unless the Board counts all or part of the supervision from September 2008 to February 2009. The Board will notify Respondent in writing of its decision on whether to count any previous supervision hours.

D. The approved supervisor will report the ongoing supervision to the Board at the end of each month. Respondent will share the charge letter 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 how the Respondent deals with non-professional relationships with clients and his compliance with the Code of Ethics.

E. Respondent must complete 12 hours of continuing education in the specific areas of dual relationships/non-professional relationships with clients. These 12 hours are

in addition to the hours of continuing education required for license renewal. Respondent will send proof of completion of the courses to the Board office.

F. Respondent must complete the educational requirements of this order within 12 months of the date of this Consent Order.

2. At the end of the 12 months of supervision, the Board will review the final supervision report and proof of completion of the continuing education hours. If Respondent has fully complied with the supervision and educational terms of this order, and is otherwise compliant with the Code of Ethics, the Respondent may be removed from probationary status.

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

4. 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.

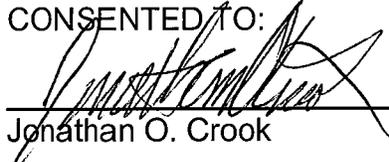
5. If at the end of the 12 month probationary period Respondent is not in compliance with the Code of Ethics, the Board may review the matter for further action, up to and including revocation. The Board retains jurisdiction over this action.

This 30 day of March, 2009

Chris Greene

Chris Greene
Chairperson, NCBLPC

CONSENTED TO:



Jonathan O. Crook

