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Via Certified Mail
Ms. Leslie Wyatt, LPCA
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RE: Application for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor

Dear Ms. Wyatt:

I am the attorney for the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (the Board), which met on March 12, 2015, and reviewed the fitness for practice evaluation conducted by Jane E. Perrin, Ph.D. The Board has asked that I write on its behalf.

After careful review of the fitness for practice evaluation conducted by Jane E. Perrin, Ph.D., the Board has determined that you are not fit to practice counseling.

Specifically, the Board finds that your mental health issues are impairing your ability to practice counseling. As set forth in the fitness for practice evaluation, you describe symptoms that fit the criteria for a dissociative disorder, for which you have not been adequately treated. You have had multiple psychiatric hospitalizations, most recently in 2013, and recurrent problems with suicidality. Your psychological issues have had a serious influence on your life. You have also not addressed the serious impact of your dissociative disorder on yourself or your clients, which puts your client at risk.

As a result of the serious risk to the public, the Board is proposing to revoke your license to practice as an LPCA. You may reapply for licensure after the passage of one year from the date of the revocation. Should you decide to apply for re-licensure in the future, you would have the opportunity at that time to present evidence about the treatment you have received for your mental health issues during the revocation. The Board may also request at that time that you be re-evaluated to determine whether you are fit to practice.

Your psychological impairment constitutes a violation of Standards A.4.a. (Avoiding Harm); and C.2.g (Impairment); of the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics (2014); and a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-340(a)(10) & (11) of the Licensed Professional Counselors

Act.

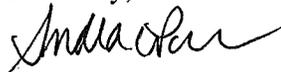
You are entitled to request a hearing on this proposed revocation by responding in writing within 30 days of the receipt of this notice and requesting a formal hearing. If you do request such a hearing, it will be a quasi-judicial evidentiary hearing conducted by the Board pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes of North Carolina as required by G.S. § 90-340. At such a hearing, you would be entitled to present witnesses and introduce evidence on your own behalf and to cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence introduced on behalf of the Board. You would be entitled to be represented by an attorney of your own choosing and at your expense, or you may represent yourself. The Board would be represented by counsel at any such hearing. If you do request a hearing, a specific time and location will be set and communicated to you in future correspondence.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days, then this letter will serve as the revocation of your license as an LPCA. You are required to turn in your license as an LPCA within 30 days of receipt of this letter and terminate all practice of counseling. You are further directed to submit an affidavit stating under oath that you have terminated your practice of counseling and terminated or transferred all of your clients and will not resume practice until you are re-licensed by the Board.

Should you have any questions about the procedure in such matters, you may direct them to me at (919) 716-6792.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sondra C. Panico
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Katrina Brent,
NCBLPC Administrator