

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF:

LAURA GREENLEE, LPCS
Respondent.
No. 1657

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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 October 19, 2018, pursuant to a charge letter issued by the Board on March 23, 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. On August 25, 2015, Respondent completed a report on the evaluation that she conducted on client X (mother), client Y (father), and client Z (their four-year old daughter). Respondent conducted this evaluation under the Child Forensic Evaluation Program following allegations made regarding possible abuse of client Z. The purpose of the evaluation was to determine whether the child was a victim of abuse or neglect.
3. Subsequent to conducting this evaluation, on October 12, 2016, and at the request of client Y and his attorney, Respondent submitted an affidavit in which she rendered her opinions of client X, which were outside of the scope of her evaluation.
4. On or about February 19, 2017, Respondent sent an email to client Y, in which Respondent made observations and commented on testimony given by his daughter, client Z. Respondent was not present during the testimony and had no professional interactions with client Z since August 2015. These observations and comments were not based on any current data Respondent had available to her at the time of her statements.
5. Respondent admits that her conduct as set forth above in paragraph number 3-4 violates Sections A.6.e., A.8., C.2.a., C.b.6., E.13.a, E.13.c., and E.13.d. of the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics (2014) and violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-340 (a)(9), and (a)(12) of the North Carolina Licensed Professional Counselors Act.

6. The Board and Respondent wish to avoid the time and the costs associated with full litigation of this matter and, in lieu of any proceedings, enter into this Consent Order.

7. Respondent expressly waives notice of hearing, a hearing, the making of findings of fact and conclusions of law, and all further proceedings before the Board to which the Respondent may be entitled by law. Respondent further 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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. Respondent shall no longer conduct child custody evaluations at any time in the future.

II. Respondent shall complete the continuing education coursework in the area of divorce, which meet the requirements of 21 NCAC .0603, entitled Helping Children and Parents Cope with Divorce, which is a 12 hour on line continuing education course found at:

http://jkseminars.com/p596/Helping_Children_and_Parents_Cope_with_Divorce%3Cbr%3ECurrent_Research_and_Implications_for_Practice/product_info.html.

Respondent shall submit a certificate of completion provided by the continuing education sponsor to the Board. This requirement shall be in addition to the continuing education coursework required for all licensees under Board Rule .0603. All costs associated with this continuing education shall be borne by Respondent. Respondent shall complete this continuing education within six months of the execution of this Consent Order.

III. 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.

IV. 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 the American Counseling Association and the National Board of Certified Counselors, and to other agencies or individuals as required by law.

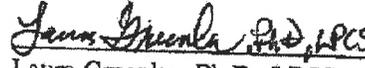
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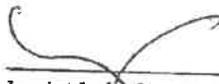
This the 19th day of October, 2018.

CONSENTED TO BY:

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

BY: 
Denauro Robinson, Ph.D., LPCS date
Board Chairperson

 10/11/18
Laura Greenlee, Ph.D., LPCS date
Respondent

 10/10/18
Lori Abel Meyerhoffer date
Attorney for Respondent