

**Louisiana Licensed Professional
Counselors Board of Examiners**

IN THE MATTER OF

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 16/17-56

ERIN YORK, PLPC

PLPC PROV. LICENSE NO: PLC6623

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, ERIN YORK (“MS. YORK”) is a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (“PLPC”) and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (La. R.S. 37:1101, et seq.), the Code of Conduct for Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (LAC 46:LX § 2101, et seq.) and the rules regarding disciplinary proceedings (LAC 46:LX § 1301-1325, et seq.);

WHEREAS, on or about April 27, 2017, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (“LPCBE”) received information regarding MS. YORK from a complaint filed by Karen Baird concerning an alleged sexual relationship between MS. YORK and a client;

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 20, 2017, the LPCBE notified MS. YORK that it received the above referenced complaint, provided MS. YORK with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that MS. YORK, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving her review of the circumstances, which are the subject of the complaint;

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 28, 2017, MS. YORK submitted a response to the Complaint in a timely fashion, wherein she provided her explanation of the relevant facts and the allegations that were raised in the complaint;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the complaint and administrative investigation, the respondent, ERIN YORK, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:LX § 1311;

WHEREAS, the Respondent, ERIN YORK, PLPC, acknowledges that the LPCBE may have sufficient information to file an Administrative Complaint based upon the allegations against her, and thereafter proceed to an administrative hearing based upon said allegations. However, in order to avoid proceeding to an administrative hearing, Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order. The allegations are as follows:

1. Respondent, ERIN YORK, is a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor provisionally licensed by the LPCBE to engage in the practice of mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by PLPC Provisional License Number PLC6623.
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, ERIN YORK was actively engaged in the practice of mental health counseling at CADA, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.
3. ERIN YORK's actions were in violation of La. R.S. 37:1110(A)(3)(9), LAC 46:LX §605(B)(3), §1301(A)(B), §2103(A)(1)(a)(c)(4)(a)(b)(5)(a)(b), §2107(A)(1)(a)(2)(d)(6)(d), §2113(A)(8)(a) and §2117(A)(1)(a).

WHEREAS, ERIN YORK had indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

WHEREAS, the undersigned Prosecutor for the LPCBE has communicated with counsel for ERIN YORK, who has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

WHEREAS, the Respondent, ERIN YORK, agrees not to repeat the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order, and acknowledges that any further misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order will be considered a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and shall be cause for further disciplinary action. ERIN

YORK further recognizes that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by MS. YORK shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the LPCBE to take further disciplinary action as the LPCBE may deem appropriate against the provisional license of MS. YORK to practice mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Respondent, ERIN YORK, recognizes her right to have an Administrative Adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time MS. YORK would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on her behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the LPCBE based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act. MS. YORK nonetheless hereby waives her right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. MS. YORK also acknowledges that she hereby waives any rights to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which she otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest her agreement to, or the force and effect of the LPCBE's investigation or this Consent Agreement and Order in any Court or other forum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the LPCBE by La. R.S. 49:955(D), the LPCBE orders and MS. YORK accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. The PLPC provisional license of ERIN YORK to be engaged in the practice of mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by PLPC provisional license number PLC6623 shall be, and is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of one (1) year, said suspension being effective from the date this Consent Agreement and Order is approved by the LPCBE.

2. The LPCBE acknowledges that Ms. York has obligated herself, pursuant to a Consent Agreement and Order with the Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority, to obtain at least twenty (20) hours of continuing education (CEU) in the area of professional boundaries. Upon completion of said CEUs, Ms. York shall provide proof of completion of the CEUs to the LPCBE. In lieu of requiring Ms. York to complete additional CEUs, upon completion of the one year supervision set forth above, Ms. York shall complete an additional twenty (20) hours of direct, face-to-face supervision as a PLPC, over and above that which is required for a PLPC to apply for licensure as a LPC.
3. MS. YORK shall pay legal costs associated with the Complaint in the amount of \$1,200.00 within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payment shall be made by certified check or money order. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, in accordance with due dates established by the Board, and with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
4. MS. YORK shall pay a fine as authorized by La. R.S. 37:1106(D) for the above referred violations in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payments shall be made by certified check or money order. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, in accordance with due dates established by the Board, and with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
5. MS. YORK specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in further disciplinary action taken by the LPCBE. The admissions contained herein will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.
6. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, MS. YORK waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the LPCBE and are a matter of public record. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LPCBE Newsletter and website, the National Board for Certified Counselors, and the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB).

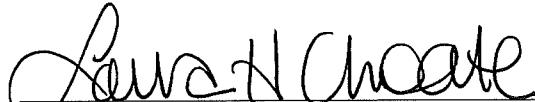
THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LPCBE involving Respondent.

ORDER

The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 16/17-56, adopt the Consent Agreement and Order in the matter on January 26, 2018.

DATED this 26th day of January, 2018, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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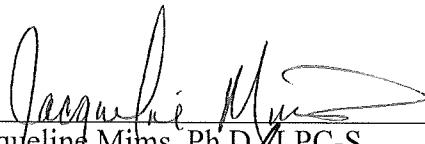
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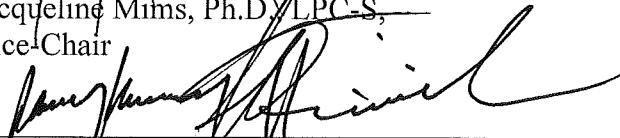
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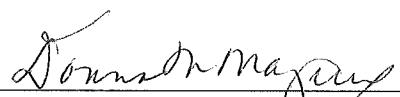
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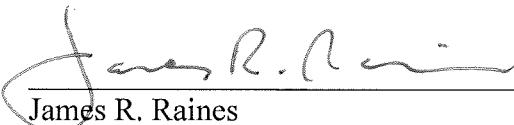
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I, James R. Raines, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which ERIN YORK, PLPC could be charged under Complaint Number 16/17-56; and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.



James R. Raines

1/20/18
Date

I, ERIN YORK, PLPC, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint Number 16/17-56 by Consent Agreement and Order (“Order”) pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth

hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, by agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LPCBE for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LPCBE the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:960. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LPCBE shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LPCBE's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LPCBE Board decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LPCBE approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

Erin York

ERIN YORK

Date

1-26-18

I, ERIN YORK, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 1-26-18

Erin York
ERIN YORK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 26th day of January, 2018,
at Metairie, Louisiana.

Debra S. Brown
Notary Public
Print Name: Debra S. Brown #1543
My Commission Expires: For Life

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