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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Erin Davis, LCMHCS 86 Wagner Road Taylorsville, NC 28681

RE: North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors, Case No. 2074

Dear Ms. Davis:

I am the Investigator for the North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (the Board). On April 8, 2024 the Ethics Review Committee of the Board (the Committee) reviewed the information pertinent to the above referenced matter. The Committee has reached its conclusion and has instructed me to inform you of its findings.

The Committee found probable cause to believe that you had violated provisions of the North Carolina Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors Act and the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics (2014).

Specifically, the Committee alleges the following:

During the time period from on or about June 2020 to July 2021, you provided counseling services to Client A, as an LPC in Virginia. While providing counseling services to Client A, you violated professional boundaries when you engaged in a personal romantic relationship with Client A. You admitted to engaging in sexual activity with Client A. In addition, you admitted to engaging in a personal romantic relationship with Client A through social media.

If true, the above-referenced conduct constitutes violations of Sections A.1.a., A.4.a, A.5.a., A.6.b., A.6.c., and H.6.d. of the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics (2014) and violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-340 (a)(3), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(9), (a)(10) and (a)(13) of the North Carolina Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors Act.

The aforementioned allegations relate to your conduct as a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and, if proven, could provide cause for sanctions to be taken against your license. The information the Board has received does not in itself provide sufficient evidence that these alleged acts have occurred. Consequently, the Board does not consider that any determination regarding possible sanctions against your license can be made without first allowing you to exercise your due process rights.

If you would prefer to resolve this matter through a Consent Order, please contact the Board's counsel, Sondra Panico, at spanico@ncdoj.gov. You may decline to do so and request a hearing before the Board regarding these allegations. You are entitled to request a hearing on these allegations by responding in writing within thirty (30) days of receiving this letter and requesting a formal hearing. If the Board does not receive a written response requesting a hearing within thirty (30) days of receiving this letter, the Board will hold a hearing, whether you are present or not. In either case, you will receive a Notice of Hearing no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing, notifying you of the specific time, date, and location of the hearing. You are entitled, with or without requesting a formal hearing, to present any additional statements or materials you may wish.

The above proceeding is 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(e). You are 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. At the hearing, the Board will hear evidence regarding the charges set forth in this letter and will determine what, if any, disciplinary action should be taken against your license to practice counseling. You are entitled to be represented by an attorney of your choosing and at your expense, or you may represent yourself. The Board will be represented by counsel at such a hearing. Following the hearing, the Board will issue a final decision, pursuant to G.S. § 150B-42.

Should you have any questions about the procedure in such matters, or if you wish to discuss informal resolution of this matter, you may direct them to the Board's counsel, Sondra Panico at spanico@ncdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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