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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License as a Clinical
Social Worker in the State of Oregon of
KIM A. LEE, LCSW,
Licensee.

Case Nos. 2001-07, 2001-08
EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

The State Board of Clinical Social Workers (Board) is the state agency responsible for
licensing, regulating and disciplining clinical social workers in the State of Oregon. Kim A. Lee,
LCSW (Licensee), is licensed by the Board to practice as a clinical social worker in the State of
Oregon. Pursuant to ORS 183.430(2) which authorizes the Board to enter a suspension order
when it finds that the continued practice by Licensee presents a serious danger to the public
health or safety, and effective the date this Emergency Order is signed, the Board hereby
suspends the license of Licensee for the following reasons:

1.

K.B.

In or before July 2000, Licensee was the therapist of a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder,
(PTSD) group in Coos Bay, Oregon.

2.

In or about July 2000, K.B. was a client of Licensee and participant in the PTSD group
run by Licensee.

3.

In or about July 2000 Licensee knew, or should have known that K.B. was hospitalized at
Lake Chelan Hospital in Washington State due to increasing mental health problems.

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2 Shortly, after her release from Lake Chelan Hospital, Licensee expressed to K.B.
3 personal feelings toward K.B. during a PTSD group session.

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5 Soon after Licensee expressed personal feelings towards K.B. she ended her participation
6 in the PTSD group for the purpose of having a sexual relationship with Licensee.

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8 In or about July 2000, Licensee and K.B. began a sexual relationship.

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10 Licensee ended the sexual relationship between herself and K.B. sometime prior to May,
11 2001.

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13 Licensee, after ending the sexual relationship and sometime prior to May 2001, made
14 repeated telephone calls to K.B. asking that they have a friendship.

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16 On or about May 31, 2001, K.B. was hospitalized in Coos Bay, Oregon, due to her
17 mental health including, but not limited to, cutting on herself and suicidal thoughts.

18 10.

19 Reasons for K.B. cutting on herself and having suicidal thoughts included pain and
20 anxiety connected with the sexual relationship with Licensee, promises by K.B. to Licensee to
21 keep their sexual relationship secret and persistent telephone calls from Licensee to K.B.

22 11.

23 L.S.

24 On or about October 18, 1999, Licensee and L.S. began a client-therapist relationship.

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2 The client-therapist relationship still existed on or about June 15, 2000 when Licensee
3 asked L.S. to work for her part-time as an office clerk, and L.S. agreed.

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5 In August 2000, Licensee and L.S. still maintained a client-therapist relationship when
6 Licensee asked L.S. to work as her secretary, and L.S. agreed.

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8 While L.S. worked as secretary for Licensee she was also a client in the PTSD group in
9 which Licensee was the therapist on or about September 2000 through December 2000.

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11 In January of 2001, L.S. continued to work as secretary for Licensee and also participated
12 in a new PTSD group of clients run by Licensee.

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14 **PTSD GROUP**

15 Sometime between July 2000 and June 3, 2000 Licensee invited clients in the PTSD
16 group to her residence for social gatherings. These social gatherings included, but are not
17 limited to:

- 18 a) Barbecues, and,
19 b) "Pajama Parties" where clients spent the night at Licensee's residence.
20 c) Alcoholic beverages were served at the social gatherings at Licensee's residence.

21 17.

22 The Board finds that the facts set forth in paragraphs 1 through 16 constitute
23 unprofessional conduct under ORS 675.510(6) and that Licensee poses a serious danger to the
24 public health and safety should she be permitted to continue to practice social work.

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Therefore, the Board proposes to immediately suspend Licensee's license as authorized under ORS 675.540(2)(a).

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Licensee has the right to a formal hearing contesting this emergency suspension order. In order to have a hearing, Licensee must request one in writing. If requested, such a hearing will be held pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS ch 183). The hearing will be held as soon as practicable after the Board receives Licensee's written request. Licensee's written request for a hearing must be received by the Board within ninety (90) days from the date this order was mailed or Licensee's right to a hearing will be waived.

If a hearing is requested, Licensee will be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing. Licensee may hire an attorney to represent her at the hearing. At the hearing Licensee has the right to respond to, and to present evidence and argument, on all issues. After the hearing, an order confirming, altering or revoking this suspension will be issued.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2001.

STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS
State of Oregon

By: Signature on File in Board Office
Elizabeth A. Buys, Administrator

