

BEFORE THE STATE OF OREGON
BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

In the Matter of the Application) PROPOSED AND FINAL ORDER
for Licensure of) REFUSAL TO ISSUE LICENSE, NOTICE,
) AND WAIVER OF FORM OF ORDER

Carlos C. Alden
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Effective Date

Unless a hearing is requested in writing addressed to the Administrator, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, 796 Winter Street, NE, Salem, OR 97310, and is received on or before close of business within 60 days or October 4, 1993, or a stipulated agreement is effected on or prior to that date, this order becomes a final order without further action.

Proposed and Final Order

Pursuant to ORS 675.715 to 675.835 and OAR 833-01-001 to 833-60-001, the State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists proposes to reject the application of Carlos C. Alden for a license as a marriage and family therapist on the facts set forth herein and incorporated by reference and to close the application file.

Right to a Hearing

The applicant, Carlos C. Alden has the right to request a hearing under the provisions of ORS chapter 183. If a hearing is requested, information on the procedures, right of representation and the rights of parties will be given before the commencement of the hearing.

Waiver

If no hearing is requested, Carlos C. Alden waives any statutory requirements as to the form of the order including Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law under the provisions of ORS 183.470.

Facts and Statements in Support of Order

1. Application for licensure signed by Carlos C. Alden was received September 3, 1991. The application requested reciprocity and includes a transcript showing a Master of Science in Counseling degree from San Francisco State University and verification of licensure as a marriage, family and child counselor by the State of California from the California Board of Behavioral Science Examiners.

2. ORS 675.735 directs the Board to issue a license to an applicant who provides evidence to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant is recognized as a marriage and family therapist in another state in which the requirements for such recognition are at least equivalent to the licensing requirements of ORS 675.715 to 675.835 and rules of the board.

3. The form filled out by the California Board indicates requirement for licensure is master's in marriage and family therapy or equivalent, two years experience with 3,000 direct client contact hours with 104 hours of supervision by a licensed MFCC, LCSW, psychologist or board certified psychiatrist, plus examination. The information does not specify definition of equivalent degree, or specific training in supervision for supervisors. Through other applications the Board takes notice that California licensing laws accept degrees from non-regionally accredited schools and schools that are not held to comparable standards (for regional accreditation), post-degree classes are considered when evaluating

the education of the applicant, not all client contact hours taken during the internship must be post-degree, and supervisors are not required to have specific training as a supervisor. Supervision during internship is once a week and may include twice as many hours in group supervision as in one-on-one supervision.

4. OAR 833-20-010(2)(b) adopted pursuant to ORS 675.715(2)(b) requires applicants to hold a degree meeting standards comparable to a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Marriage and Family Therapy Education (CAMFTE). OAR 833-20-100 defines three years of full-time supervised experience as 2,000 client contact hours during at least three different years under a supervisor meeting board prescribed criteria. OAR 833-20-100(2) and (3) require supervision at a rate of one hour for every 20 hours of client contact with at least one half being one-on-one with a person who is an AAMFT approved supervisor or is licensed as a marriage and family therapist in the State of Oregon or holds an Oregon or other state certification or licensure judged comparable by the Board, has at least five years clinical experience, and 30 hours of training in clinical supervision. The Board believes the California standards are not as strict and, therefore, are not equivalent to Oregon standards.

5. OAR 833-20-020 requires re-application for applicants who fail to become licensed within one year, if applicant does not meet the qualifications for examination. It has been a year since the application was initiated and the applicant has not documented meeting the qualifications.

6. The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists license file and the documents therein are incorporated by reference in support of this order in the form the file existed on January 1, 1993.

Dated: August 5, 1993


Carol F. Fleming
Board Administrator

Attachment: Contested Case Rights and Procedures

Service by certified mail no. P 469 214 986

Mailed: August 5, 1993

No request for hearing having been received in the time prescribed herein, this order is affirmed as final and shall be served by mail.

Appeal Rights

Carlos C. Alden is entitled to judicial review of this order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the service of this order after it becomes final, which will be accomplished by mailing. The appeal procedures for this order are set forth in ORS 183.

Dated and mailed 10-13-93


Carol F. Fleming
Board Administrator