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STATE OF OREGON
BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

In the Matter of the Professional Counselor)
License of)
Susan A. Aviotti)
625 O'Connell)
North Bend, OR 97459)

STIPULATED FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to ORS 675.765, 675.785, and 675.745, the proposed 10 days suspension of licensure before the Board of Licensed professional Counselors and Therapists (Board) came as the result of allegations that Susan Aviotti (Licensee) disclosed a communication given by a client in the course of professional activity.

Pursuant to ORS 183.415(5) and OAR 833-050-0030, in order to informally dispose of and settle this matter, Susan Aviotti and the Board, by and through its Administrator make the following statements:

1.

Licensee admits and stipulates that she has been advised of her right to a hearing in the matter of the Board's proposed suspension of her licensure pursuant to ORS 183.415(2)(a) and to be represented at a hearing pursuant to ORS 183.415(3).

2.

Licensee waives her right to such a hearing and waives the right to be represented at a hearing by an attorney.

3.

Licensee waives any and all civil claim or action against the Board relating to this matter.

4.

The Board and Licensee stipulate to the following: That the Board has jurisdiction, and the right to suspend or revoke a license if the Board were to prove that a licensee violated statute or one or more of the rules of the Board, specifically ORS 675.765, ORS 675.745(1)(d) and OAR 833-060-0001.

5.

The Board, following an investigation of allegations is concerned that sufficient credible evidence exists to indicate misconduct by the Licensee. The Board alleges that Ms. Aviotti:

(A) Shared information obtained in couples counseling, including the name of one of the clients, without a release from both parties.

(B) Assumed that a mental health professional with whom she had periodically consulted knew and agreed that information about a client shared information, sometimes in a setting other than a private counseling office was confidential and that they were engaged in professional consultation or supervision.

Licensee denies any misconduct or violation of law or rules:

(A) She hereby states that all her actions were consistent with standard peer consultation practices and notes that the consultant has admitted she was reminded by the Licensee that the information was to be kept confidential when the name of the client was released.

(B) She also states that she recognizes that consultation is a professional relationship which requires clearly understood and defined duties and responsibilities of both parties and is conducted in a professional setting that ensures confidentiality of communications.

6.

The Board and Licensee agree that this matter may be concluded by the entry of this Stipulation on the following terms:

SMA (A) Licensee agrees to obtain formal clinical supervision for one year following the following approval of a supervisor by the Board. Within 30 days from the effective date of this agreement, Ms. Aviotti will submit the names and resumes' of three licensed mental health professionals with explanation of clinical supervisor training and experience, preferably LPC's or LMFT's, from which the Board will select one to provide supervision of Ms. Aviotti's practice. Ms. Aviotti will authorize the supervisor to confirm in writing to the Board, that he/she will be providing supervision and to confirm conclusion of the supervision after one year with a summary statement as to the success or failure of the relationship. During the year, Ms. Aviotti will meet no less than one hour each month with the approved supervisor. Supervision will consist of, but not be limited to, a review of ongoing cases and consultation regarding Ms. Aviotti's approach to treatment, relationship with the clients, and general deportment, including that with colleagues in allied professions. Ms. Aviotti will be solely responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining the required supervision.

(B) Licensee agrees to pay to the Board, and submits with this order, the amount of \$200.

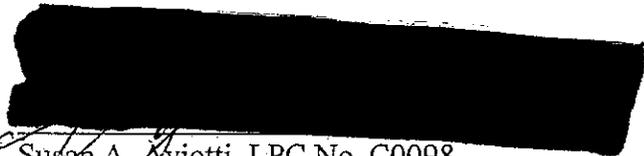
(C) The Board agrees that its proposed order of suspension is withdrawn, but formally reprimands Ms. Aviotti for failing to act in accordance with the highest standards of professional integrity and deportment.

7.

If the Board finds, after a contested case hearing, that Licensee has materially violated any of the terms of this stipulation, the violation shall constitute grounds for suspension of license.

8.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:



Susan A. Aviotti, LPC No. C0098

10/20/97
Date



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