

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

In the Matter of the Continuation of licensure )  
FINAL ORDER )

Walter A. Grisham  
Terra Pacifica Counseling  
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Salem, OR 97301

On or about November 3, 1993, a notice stating that the Board intended to suspend professional counselor license number C0510 was served upon Walter A. Grisham by certified mail. This notice alleged that Walter A. Grisham (licensee) violated the rules of the Board by not meeting the annual continuing education requirements during license year 1993-94.

Pursuant to a written request for hearing as provided by ORS Chapter 183, a hearing before the Board was scheduled for December 10, 1993 at 1:45 pm in the Conference Room of the State Archives Building, Salem, Oregon. Notice of date, time, and place of the hearing and information on procedures, right to representation, and the rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing was served upon Walter A. Grisham on or about November 22, 1993 by certified mail. The licensee was present, but not represented by an attorney.

Now therefore, after consideration of the records and files of the board relating to this matter, a majority of the Board enters the following order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee misunderstood rules.
2. Licensee completed more than required number of hours.
3. In facilitating a busy schedule, licensee lost track of hours.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee completed more than 20 hours, although not enough hours were attended hours.
2. Licensee did not pay attention to the maximum number of hours that could be claimed for distance learning.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The number of hours of continuing education required for renewal by ORS 675.725(1)(d) were fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Board.

OPINION

The Board believes licensees, by seeking licensure, have agreed to abide by the regulations of the Board and are obligated to keep abreast of the regulations and must accept the responsibility for and consequences of not reading or studying Board rules and distribut information. The Board believes sufficient information has been distributed and opportunity for clarifications available. The Board also believes that it should not be held accountable for interpretations by others that were not in keeping with the printed materials provided to all licensees. The Board stated that it was not setting precedent by recognizing a first-time situation and may not accept similar arguments in the future and this order should serve as a WARNING TO MR. GRISHAM.

ORDER

Providing sufficient evidence that the minimum standards and requirements for annual continuing education were met, the professional counselor license of Walter A. Grisham will not be suspended.

Dated:

1/25/94



Joshua D. Kadish, Presiding Officer  
Board of Licensed Professional Counselors  
and Therapists

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Appeal Rights

Walter A. Grisham is entitled to judicial review of this order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Oregon Court of Appeals within 60 days from the service of this order after it becomes final, which will be accomplished by mailing. The appeal procedures are set forth in ORS 183.482.