

STATE OF OREGON  
BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

In the Matter of the Professional Counselor )	
License of )	
Meike Kerper )	STIPULATED FINAL ORDER
61002 Love Rd )	OF PROBATION
Cove, OR 97824 )	

Pursuant to ORS 675.785, and 675.745, the proposed suspension of licensure before the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (Board) came as the result of allegations that Meike Kerper (Licensee) violated the client-counselor boundaries by establishing an employer-employee relationship in addition to the therapist-client relationship.

Pursuant to ORS 183.415(5) and OAR 833-050-0030, in order to informally dispose of and settle this matter, Meike Kerper 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 675.745(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. Kerper:

(A) Between May 1994 and June 1997, provided a male client with mental health counseling, group sex offender therapy, and supervision of the client's visitations with his children; and

(B) During the same time period, paid the male client for fence building and yard work or deducted the value of his services from his treatment bill.

Licensee denies any misconduct or violation of law or rules:

(A) She acknowledges that she bartered services with one of her clients, letting him help her son build a fence in exchange for individual treatment and supervision of his visitations with his children.

(B) She admits she sometimes gave the client money for work performed to meet his needs.

6.

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

(A) Licensee agrees to obtain formal clinical supervision for six months following written approval of a supervisor by the Board. Within 30 days from the effective date of this agreement, Ms. Kerper 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. Kerper's practice. Ms. Kerper 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 six months with a summary statement as to the success or failure of the relationship. During the period of supervision, Ms. Kerper 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. Kerper's approach to treatment, relationship with the clients, and general department, including that with colleagues in allied professions. Ms. Kerper will be solely responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining the required supervision.

(B) Licensee agrees to obtain 12 hours of continuing education in ethics, which shall include training on establishing and maintaining boundaries with clients, particularly sex offenders.

(C) Licensee agrees to pay to the Board, and submits with this order, the amount of \$100.

(D) The Board agrees that its proposed order of suspension is withdrawn. Ms. Kerper's license will remain active, but be listed on probationary status, while she completes and until she documents completion to the Board that she has completed the supervision and training provisions of this agreement.

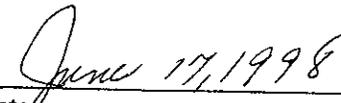
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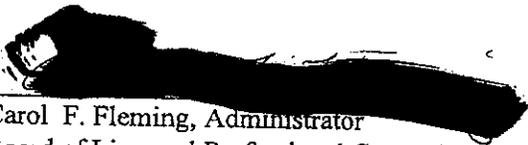
If Licensee requests to resign license or allows license to lapse while on probationary status, the status will be changed to reflect forfeiture of license while under disciplinary action. If the Board finds, after a contested case hearing, that Licensee has materially violated any of the terms of this stipulation, the violation shall constitute grounds for suspension of license.

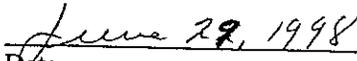
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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

  
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Meike Kerper, Licensed Professional Counselor

  
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Carol F. Fleming, Administrator  
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