

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
CASE NO. 2021-LPC-00003

Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors,

Petitioner;

v.

Cassandra Jones, LPCC, License No. 262442,

Respondent.

AGREED ORDER

The Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (the "Board"), and Cassandra Jones, LPCC license #262442, hereby agree as follows:

FACTS

1. On January 14, 2021, the Board received complaint number 2021-LPC-00003 against Jones. After all parties were afforded an opportunity to respond pursuant to applicable law, the Board conducted an investigation. The Board's investigation into the allegations of the complaint substantiated the following facts.
2. Jones was employed as a counselor at a healthcare facility in Burlington, Kentucky beginning in 2018. While employed at that facility, Jones primarily worked with its IOP (intensive outpatient) program.
3. During their treatment in the IOP program, a client disclosed to Jones concerns that he was in an abusive domestic relationship.
4. Jones' client graduated from the IOP program, and Jones left her employment with the healthcare facility in July of 2019.

5. Jones' former client added Jones as a friend on Facebook and the two began communicating privately. In August of 2019, the client expressed to Jones that he had been abused and kicked out of his house and was then homeless. He sought assistance finding housing.

6. Jones and her husband were separated at that time.

7. Jones developed romantic feelings for her former client and sent him images of herself of an intimate and explicit nature. Evidence did not indicate reciprocation on behalf of Jones' former client.

8. Jones cut off communication with her former client in October of 2019, after reconciling with her husband.

9. Upon review of all available information, the Board concluded that there is substantial evidence that Jones violated several provisions of the Board's Code of Ethics, including 201 KAR 36:040 § 1(2)(b)-(d) and (j), § 2(19) and (32), and § 5(16), and that disciplinary action is merited under KRS 335.540(1)(g). Jones agrees the Board may take disciplinary action against her for the above-described violations.

10. Instead of pursuing a disciplinary hearing, the parties have mutually decided to resolve any potential disciplinary action by means of this Agreed Order.

The Board and Jones now therefore agree to this Agreed Order, which resolves Complaint Number 2021-LPC-00003 on the following terms and conditions:

FINDINGS

Jones admits the facts set forth herein. Jones acknowledges that the Board could find by a preponderance of the evidence that she engaged in conduct that violates the provisions of KRS 335.540(1)(g) and 201 KAR 36:040 §§ 1(2)(b)-(d) and (j), 2(19) and (32), and 5(16).

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Jones has had the opportunity at all times to seek advice concerning this matter from competent counsel of her choice. No coercion has been exerted upon Jones, nor have any promises been made other than those reflected in this Agreed Order, to induce her to execute this Agreed Order. Jones has freely and voluntarily entered into this Agreed Order, motivated only by a desire to resolve the issues addressed herein. Jones has executed this Agreed order only after a careful reading of it and a full understanding of all of its terms. Jones waives the right to challenge any term or condition of this Agreed Order notwithstanding any other statutory provision of KRS 335.500 to 335.599, or 201 KAR Chapter 36. Jones expressly agrees those terms and conditions contained therein are exclusively a matter of private right.

Jones is fully aware of her rights to contest charges in a formal hearing. Those rights include: representation by an attorney at Jones' own expense, the right to a public hearing on any charges contained in the Board's formal complaint, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against Jones, the right to present evidence on Jones' behalf, the right to compulsory process to secure the attendance of such witnesses, the right to testify on Jones' own behalf, the right to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision on the merits of the Board's formal complaint, the right to obtain judicial review of the Board's decision, and the right to appeal any final order of the Board to the Circuit Court as otherwise allowed by KRS 335.550.

Jones understands that by entering into this Agreed Order she waives all of those rights in consideration for the Board's acceptance of this Agreed Order.

JURISDICTION

Jones acknowledges that the Board has jurisdiction over Jones and the conduct which has precipitated this Agreed Order. Jones also acknowledges that the Board has the legal power to take disciplinary action up to and including revocation of Jones' license to practice professional counseling in Kentucky. Jones acknowledges the Board will retain jurisdiction over this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order have been met to the satisfaction of the Board.

PUBLICATION

Jones acknowledges that, once adopted by the Board, this Agreed Order is considered a public document, available for inspection at any time by any member of the public under the Kentucky Open Records Act. Further, Jones understands the Board is free to make any use it deems appropriate of the contents of this Agreed Order, which shall include the Board's ability to share the content of this Agreed Order with any governmental or professional board or organization, publication of a summary in the Board's newsletter, reporting under federal law, and availability via the Board's web site.

TERMS

In consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and agreements contained herein, the adequacy and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Jones shall execute and return a copy of this Agreed Order to the Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Agreed Order or it shall be null and void, and the Board may institute further disciplinary action.

2. Jones' LPCC license shall be suspended for a period of two years. The suspension shall be probated for the two-year period if:

- a. Jones submits to and contracts for supervision by a Board-approved supervisor, and that supervisor provides the Board with quarterly reports on Jones' practice and professional development; and
- b. Jones completes three (3) hours of continuing education in professional ethics per year of the probated suspension, at her expense, totaling six (6) hours. This requirement shall be in addition to any other continuing education hour requirements in statute or regulation.

3. Jones shall be required to complete personal therapy related to boundary issues, for a period of two years total, with sessions no less often than once per month. Ms. Jones' therapist shall provide to the Board quarterly reports on Ms. Jones' progress in therapy.

4. Jones agrees to commit no violations of statutes and regulations governing her license to practice as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.

5. Upon approval of this Agreed Order by the Board, the Board shall dismiss complaint number 2021-LPC-00003. Any violation by Jones of the terms of this agreement shall be grounds for further action by the Board, including but not limited to the reopening of this complaint.

6. Jones agrees to permit and cooperate with the Board, its members, agents, and employees, and its Complaints Committee and representatives, to monitor Jones' compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreed Order. Jones shall sign and file any appropriate authorizations, releases, or both for information that may be requested by the Board or its representatives.

7. Jones acknowledges that at all times relevant hereto she has had the opportunity to retain and consult with competent legal counsel of her choosing.

8. All parties agree to take all actions necessary that would cause the conditions and obligations under this Agreed Order to become effective upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, or, in the event that additional documents may need to be executed after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the parties agree to cooperate with each other and execute such additional documents to effectuate the purposes as stated herein.

ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD

Jones acknowledges that this Agreed Order, after her execution of same, shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation for approval from the Board's Counsel at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following receipt of the executed agreement. The Agreed Order shall not become effective until it has been approved by the Board and endorsed by the Chair of the Board. Jones understands the Board is under no obligation to accept or reject this Agreed Order, and hereby waives any right she may have had to challenge, based upon the presentation of this Agreed Order to the Board, the impartiality of the Board to hear an administrative action if this Agreed Order is rejected. If this Agreed Order is rejected by the Board, it shall be regarded as null and void, and of no effect. No statement or term contained in this Agreed Order will be regarded as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary hearing, nor shall any inference be taken from Jones' willingness to enter into this Agreed Order.

ENFORCEABILITY

All parties and their undersigned representatives warrant and represent that they have the requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreed Order and to effectuate the purposes herein,

and that this Agreed Order shall be legally binding and enforceable against each party in accordance with terms of the Agreed Order.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is accepted by the Board and signed by the Chairperson of the Board.

CHOICE OF LAW, VENUE, AND TRIAL RIGHTS

This Agreed Order shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any disputes arising under this Agreed Order shall be resolved in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Kentucky; the parties consent and agree to the *in personam* jurisdiction of such Court. The parties agree that trial of any such litigation shall be by bench trial only, and each party hereby waives its right to jury trial in any dispute arising from this Agreed Order.

COSTS

The parties shall bear their respective costs.

MODIFICATION

This Agreed Order may not be altered, amended, or modified except by a written agreement executed by all parties.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

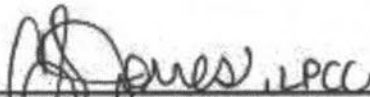
Jones and Jones' executors, administrators, successors and assigns hereby release and forever discharge the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Board, and the Public Protection Cabinet, and each of their members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative capacities from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Jones ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any or all of the persons or entities named in this paragraph

arising out of or by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary action, this Agreed Order, or its administration.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

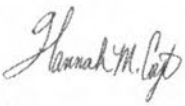
This Agreed Order embodies the entire agreement between the Board and Jones. This Agreed Order shall constitute a binding contract between Jones and the Board, subject only to approval by the Board as set forth above. Jones shall not rescind, revoke, withdraw, or seek to modify this Agreed Order prior to or during its presentation to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

HAVE SEEN AND AGREED:



Cassandra Jones, LPCC, License No. 262442
Respondent

11/09/2022
Date



Dr. Hannah Coyt
Chair
Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors

12/20/2022
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agreed Order was mailed today by regular first-class mail and electronic mail to:

Cassandra G. Jones, MA, LPCC



Respondent

Hon. Anna Stewart Whites
327 Logan Street
P.O. Box 4023
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601



Counsel for Respondent

And via electronic mail to:

Daniel G. Leffel
Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602



Board Counsel

Date: 12/20/2022

Board Administrator

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
P.O. Box 1360
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602
http://lpc.ky.gov

LPCA SUPERVISION AGREEMENT

This application must be submitted with the appropriate signatures to the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors either by mail to P.O. Box 1360, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 or by hand delivery to 917 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**SECTION 1
APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Cassandra

Gail

Jones

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Home Telephone

Work Telephone
1504-356-4018

Fax Number

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

**SECTION 2
SUPERVISOR INFORMATION**

Vikki

Dameron

Bonyuda

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Street Address

Home Address

State

Zip Code

License Number

LPC-C-5
License Type

105170
License Number

Date of Issue (attach a copy)

02/18/2011

Expiration Date (attach a copy)

12/31/2023

Do you hold designation as a
licensed professional clinical
counselor supervisor? Yes No

Current Number of LPCA Supervisors

9

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P. O. Box 1380
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602
http://lpc.ky.gov

SECTION 3
INFORMATION RELATED TO SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE

Position title _____

Name of the organization or agency where experience will be gained (complete a separate form for each setting): _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Average number of hours expected to be gained per week _____

Type of Setting

- Government Agency
 Non-Profit
 School

- Hospital
 Private Practice
 Volunteer

Describe School Setting _____

Type of counseling experience to be gained (check all that apply)

- Rehabilitation
 Child & Adolescent
 General
 Marriage and Family

- Career & Vocational
 Drug & Alcohol
 Group

Other
Describe Professional Development

Describe specifically and in detail what experience will be obtained to meet the criteria for "Direct responsibility for a specific individual or group of clients, and broad exposure and opportunity for skill enhancement with a variety of developmental issues, dysfunctions, diagnoses, acuity levels and population groups." (201 KAR 36.060)

This supervision will be specific to professional development per agreed order.

Describe specifically and in detail how supervision will focus on: (a) the appropriate diagnosis of a client problem leading to a plan by an applying professionally recognized clinical nomenclature; the development and modification of the treatment plan; the development of treatment skills suitable to each phase of the therapeutic process; ethical problems in the practice of professional counseling; and the development and use of the professional self in the therapeutic process. (201 KAR 36.060)

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P O Box 1360
Frankfort Kentucky 40602
<http://ipc.ky.gov>

The applicant affirms that all information provided by me on this form is true and accurate and I affirm the following:

- I have read the Board's statutes and regulations related to supervised experience and that all supervised experience will be completed in accordance with board rules.
- I will meet with my supervisor approximately one hour each week with a minimum of three hours per month of documented supervised experience.
- I will abide by all rules of the board, including the ethics requirements.
- I understand the associate license is only valid while I practice under supervision.
- I will notify the board if this supervisory arrangement is terminated, and
- I understand any additional supervisors and settings shall be approved by the board in advance.


Signature of Applicant

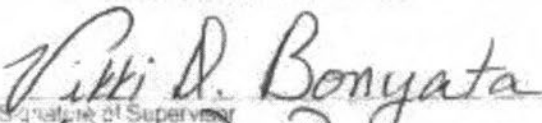
11/09/2022
Date

Lissandra G. Jones
Printed Name

This agreement shall not be effective until the board has issued a letter of approval of this agreement.

The board approved supervisor of the above named applicant affirms that all information provided by me on this form is true and accurate and I affirm the following:

- All supervised experience will be completed in accordance with the statutes and regulations related to supervised experience and all subsequent board rules.
- I will provide supervision to the above named applicant at least one hour during each week of documented experience.
- I understand the full professional responsibility for services of the supervisee shall rest with the supervisor.
- I understand the supervisory arrangement is only valid while my license remains active.
- I will notify the board if the supervisory arrangement is terminated.
- I understand that I shall not serve as a supervisor of record for more than twelve persons obtaining experience for LPC licensure at the same time.


Signature of Supervisor

11-9-22
Date

Vikki D. Bonyata
Printed Name

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THE APPLICANT AND SUPERVISOR MUST KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR RECORDS.

A FEE MAY BE APPLICABLE IF COPIES ARE REQUESTED FROM THE BOARD.

In the name and by the authority of the

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY



Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors
VIKKI DAMERON BONYATA

has fulfilled the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes
and is hereby licensed as a

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor

And is hereby authorized to use the title Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
in this state, together with all of the rights, privileges and honors appertaining
thereto, subject to the provisions of said statutes.



Given under our hands and the Seal of the Kentucky
Board of Licensed Professional Counselors

On this 18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2011.

Chair

Timothy Robinson

Francis S. Short

Director, Division of Occupations & Professions

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License Number



Public Protection Cabinet
Department of Professional Licensing

This Document is an official verification of license by the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Board Name : Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors						
License Type : Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor						
Name	Legacy Number	License Number	Disciplinary Actions	Status	Issue Date	Expiration Date
Viki D. Boryala	1301	105770	No	Active	2/18/2011 12:00:00 AM	12/31/2023 12:00:00 AM



KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Certify to all that

Vikki Bonyata

Completed the required 3 hours of
Board Approved Supervision Training
On November 5, 2014

Daniel J.W.

Daniel Williamson, Ph.D., LPCC, NCC
Jennifer Williamson, Ph.D., LPCC, NCC
Board Approved Trainers