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**BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**  
**712 South Kansas Avenue**  
**Topeka, KS 66603-3817**

In the Matter of )

JEFFREY J. KING, )  
LMFT #732 )  
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Case No. 10-MF-0118

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

NOW, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, the above-captioned matter comes before the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board [Board], by agreement of Jeffrey J. King [Licensee], and the Board, by and through counsel, Assistant Attorney General Marty M. Snyder, for the purpose of resolving the above-captioned case.

Licensee hereby acknowledges the following facts which the Board finds have been established by clear and convincing evidence:

1. Jeffrey J. King is currently and, at all times relevant, has been a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist within the meaning of the Marriage and Family Therapists Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6401 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
2. On or about April 5, 2010, the Board received a report of information concerning Licensee's conduct, alleging Licensee may have violated certain statutes and regulations governing unprofessional conduct.

3. The Board conducted an investigation concerning Licensee's alleged violations of statutes and regulations. During the investigation, Licensee was informed of the initial complaint on April 6, 2010, and was given the opportunity to respond to the allegations. Licensee's response was received on May 4, 2010.
4. In 2008, Licensee was asked to offer pastoral care services at the Center for Spiritual Renewal (CSR) in Christiansburg, Virginia. Licensee served in that capacity, counseling pastors attending the Center, several times during 2008.
5. While at CSR, Licensee was asked if he would also meet with some of the CSR staff. As a result, Licensee met with the complainant, an employee of CSR, and complainant's wife to discuss their marital problems.
6. After Licensee met with the couple in person, he and complainant's wife began one-on-one online counseling. From October 2009 through January 2010, Licensee received payments totaling approximately \$195.00 for the marital counseling services.
7. Licensee acknowledges that, on January 27, 2010, the online conversations became inappropriate and sexual in nature. He terminated the online communications and refunded the payments prior to receiving this complaint.
8. As a result of the investigation, a Preliminary Consent Agreement and Order was entered into between the Board and Licensee on September 20, 2010.
9. The Board finds that Licensee followed the requirements of the Preliminary Consent Agreement and Order in a timely manner.
10. The Complaint Review Committee of the Board finds that Licensee has violated the following regulations:

**K.A.R. 102-5-12. Unprofessional Conduct.**

(b) Any of the following acts by either a marriage and family therapy licensee or a marriage and family therapy licensure applicant shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

- (27) exercising undue influence over any client, student, or supervisee, including promoting sales of services or goods, in a manner that will exploit the client, student, or supervisee for the financial gain, personal gratification, or advantage of oneself or a third party;
- (44) engaging in a dual relationship with a client, student, or supervisee;
- (50) practicing marriage and family therapy in an incompetent manner.

However, Licensee and the Board mutually desire to enter a Consent Agreement and Order in lieu of adjudicative proceedings to resolve the report of alleged violations.

WHEREFORE, Licensee consents to the following interim conditions:

- a. Licensee's marriage and family therapist license shall be suspended until further Order of the Board, but such suspension shall be stayed so long as Licensee complies with the terms and conditions listed in this Consent Agreement and Order.
- b. As recommended in the Acumen Assessments LLC evaluation, Licensee shall participate in professional boundary and risk management training with a BSRB-approved provider within four months of the effective date of the Agreement. Licensee shall provide proof of such training to Bruno Langer, Investigator for the Board, upon completion.
- c. As recommended in the Acumen Assessments LLC evaluation, Licensee shall continue in individual psychotherapy with Dr. Schliep until such time as Dr. Schliep assesses Licensee ready to be discharged from his care. Licensee shall provide a complete copy of the Acumen report to Dr. Schliep.
- d. As recommended in the Acumen Assessments LLC evaluation, should Licensee resume practice of marriage and family therapy, Licensee shall practice in an office setting with other professionals present during office hours for purposes of accountability and collegial support.

e. As recommended in the Acumen Assessments LLC evaluation, should Licensee resume practice of marriage and family therapy, Licensee shall be supervised for a period of one year by a Board-approved supervisor. Licensee shall meet with his supervisor one hour for every ten hours of direct client contact, with a focus on boundary issues and dual relationships. Licensee will provide a copy of the Consent Agreement and Order to the supervisor and will authorize the supervisor to provide quarterly written reports to Bruno Langer, Investigator for the Board.

f. Licensee shall be responsible for any costs incurred in satisfying the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

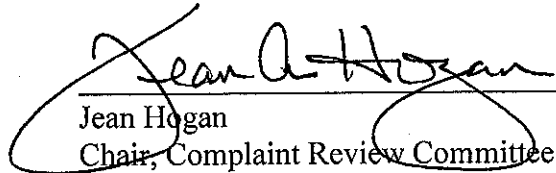
g. Evidence of Licensee's breach, violation or failure to comply with any of the above conditions will result in a hearing, with notice and opportunity to be heard, to determine whether Licensee has in fact breached, violated or failed to comply with any condition. Upon determination at such hearing that Licensee has breached, violated or failed to comply with any condition, Licensee understands and agrees that his Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist license could be suspended until such time as Licensee can demonstrate compliance with all terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

h. Licensee acknowledges an affirmative duty to notify the Board within five (5) days of any changes in personal or professional status that would affect compliance with any condition of this Consent Agreement and Order. In such event, a designee of the Board is authorized to modify or amend this Consent Agreement and Order in writing.

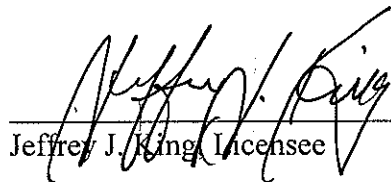
WHEREFORE, the Board further agrees that, so long as Licensee complies with the above conditions, the Board will not initiate further disciplinary action against Licensee in relation to violations of K.A.R. 102-5-12 as a result of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing provisions are consented to, are hereby made the Order of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, and become effective on the date indicated in the Certificate of Service below.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Jean Hogan  
Chair, Complaint Review Committee

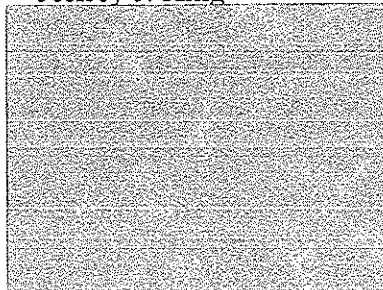
**APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:**

  
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Jeffrey J. King, Licensee

3-21-2011  
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Date

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Jeffrey J. King  


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For the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board