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**BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**

In The Matter Of )  
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MONICA LORG, LCMFT ) Case No. 20-CT-0092  
LCMFT #2951 )  
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Licensee/Respondent )  
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Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536

**SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER OF PUBLIC CENSURE**

NOW, on this 8 day of September, 2020, the above-captioned matter comes before the Complaint Review Committee of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board ("Board").

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Monica Lorg ("Licensee") was at all times a Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist ("LCMFT") within the meaning of the Kansas Marriage and Family Therapists Licensure Act, K.S.A 65-6401, *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
2. On or about December 17, 2019, the Board received a complaint concerning Licensee's unprofessional conduct, alleging Licensee may have violated certain statutes and/or regulations governing the practice of an LCMFT in Kansas.
3. The Board conducted an investigation concerning Licensee's alleged violation of statutes and/or regulations.

4. As a result of the investigation, the Board found that the following facts had been established by a preponderance of evidence:

- a. From June 2011 through October 2013, Licensee provided marriage counseling to a couple.
- b. Licensee did stay in contact with the wife of the couple on social media after ending the therapy.
- c. Additionally, the daughter of the couple died following the cessation of marriage counseling. Licensee did go to the couple's house at this time, but not as a therapist.

#### **APPLICABLE LAW**

5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537(a) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act ("KAPA"), a state agency may use summary proceedings, subject to a party's request for a hearing on the order, if:

- (1) The use of those proceedings in the circumstances does not violate any provision of law;
- (2) the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties;
- (3) based upon an investigation of the facts by the state agency, beyond receipt of the allegations, the state agency believes in good faith that the allegations will be supported to the applicable standard of proof, provided however that an alleged failure to meet the standards set forth in this subsection shall not be subject to immediate judicial review and shall not invalidate any later agency action that has been supported to the applicable standard of proof; and
- (4) the order does not take effect until after the time for requesting a hearing has expired.

6. K.S.A. 65-6402(d): "Licensed clinical marriage and family therapist" means a person who engages in the independent practice of marriage and family therapy including the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations and is licensed under this act.

7. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6408(a)(5): The board may refuse to issue, renew or reinstate a license, may condition, limit, revoke or suspend a license, may publicly or privately censure a licensee or may impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation upon a finding that a licensee or an applicant for license has violated a provision of the marriage and family therapists licensure act or one or more of the rules and regulations of the board. Specifically, pursuant to K.A.R. 102-5-12(b)(44): engaging in a dual relationship with a client, student, or supervisee


**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8. Licensee is in violation of K.S.A. 65 6408(a)(5), as defined in K.A.R. 102-5-12(b)(44), in that Licensee established a dual relationship with her former client when she remained in contract with a client after cessation of the marriage counseling.

**SANCTION**

WHEREFORE, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and pursuant to the authority granted by K.S.A. 65-6408(a) and the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act K.S.A. 77-537, the Complaint Review Committee of behalf of the Board finds that the Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist of Licensee Monica Lorg is hereby **PUBLICALLY CENSORED** for her violations of the Kansas Marriage and Family Therapists Licensure Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED ON THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September 2020.

  
 Chairperson, Complaint Review Committee  
 On behalf of the Behavioral Sciences  
 Regulatory Board

**NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER**


Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, this Summary Proceeding Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for hearing to:

Max Foster, Executive Director  
Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
700 SW Harrison St., Suite 420  
Topeka, KS 66603-3929

This written request must be filed within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date indicated in the below Certificate of Service. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the 15-day period begins the day after the date indicated in the Certificate of Service and includes weekends and legal holidays. If the 15<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the 15-day period runs until 5:00 p.m. on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. A request is considered "filed" on the date it is received at the Board's office. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes a final order subject to judicial review. A petition for judicial review should be directed to the above recipient.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this 8 day of September 2020, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Proceeding Order of Public Censure was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Monica Lorg, LCMFT  


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