

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

IN THE MATTER OF DEBRA LEE CARR

CAUSE NO. 0126-2012

ORDER

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the Mississippi State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (hereafter sometimes referred to as "the Board"), on the 21st day of November, 2014, against the Respondent, Debra Lee Carr. Board Members, Dr. Walter Frazier and Dr. Diane Williams were not present at the hearing, having recused themselves from said proceedings. The Board, having considered the evidence and testimony and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds, based upon clear and convincing evidence, as follows:

FACTS

1.

[PARTIES]

a) The Complainant is the Mississippi State Board Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (the "Board"). It is a duly constituted Board existing within the executive branch of the government of the State of Mississippi. The main executive offices are located at 239 North Lamar Street, Ste. 402, Jackson, MS 39201.

b) The Respondent's name and address is:

Debra Lee Carr, LPC 0914
140 Mayfair Road #300
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39402

2.
[CAPACITY]

The Board as Complainant, proceeded in its official capacity as authorized by state statute against the Respondent in the capacity as a licensee of the Board.

3.
[LICENSE]

The Respondent holds license number 0914 which is subject to suspension and revocation by the Board pursuant to Section 73-30-21, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) as amended.

4.
[VIOLATIONS ALLEGED]

The Board pursuant to Sections 73-30-21(1)(f) and 73-30-23, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) along with other referenced provisions has reason to believe that the Respondent may have intentionally violated the Agreed Order dated September 10, 2012, as well as the rules, regulations and laws governing Licensed Professional Counselors. In particular, it is alleged that the following violations may have occurred, which may possibly result in a disciplinary action against the Respondent and her license:

- a) Respondent violated the Agreed Order, dated September 10, 2012, specifically provision 1 of the Stipulated Disposition section that reads in its entirety:

1. Respondent agrees to take the course styled PSY6010, Orientation to Professional Counseling, Frank Baugh, PhD., instructor during the winter term beginning, November 10, 2012 ending, February 18, 2013, at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

LAW

**5.
[JURISDICTION AND VENUE]**

The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding, as well as all the Parties. Venue is likewise properly placed before the Board to hear this matter in Jackson, Mississippi. This authority is granted pursuant to Section 73-30-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and other applicable points of law.

**6.
[AUTHORITY OF BOARD]**

The Board is created pursuant to State law cited as Section 73-30-5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Sections 73-30-21 Of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, gives the Board authority to conduct hearings if it has reason to believe that the provisions of Section 73-30-1, *et. seq.* of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, have been intentionally violated or if any of the rules and regulations of the Board have been violated.

**7.
[HEARING PROCEDURES]**

Chapter 8 of the Board rules adopted pursuant to Section 73-30-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, in accordance with the requirements of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law govern the disciplinary and hearing process described in paragraph six (6) above.

**8.
[PENALTIES AVAILABLE]**

Should clear and convincing evidence prove that these violations did occur; the Board may impose the following penalties:

- (1) Issuance of a letter of official reprimand;

- (2) Refusal to renew your license;
- (3) Suspension of your license for any period of time; and,
- (4) Revocation of your license.

9.

[FINDINGS OF FACT]

Based upon clear and convincing evidence, the Board has found the following facts:

(1) The Board entered into an Agreed Order with Debra Lee Carr that stipulated that Debra Lee Carr agreed “to take the course styled PSY6010, Orientation to Professional Counseling, Frank Baugh, PhD., instructor during the winter term beginning, November 10, 2012 ending, February 18, 2013 at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.”

(2) The Board did not agree or consent to a directed study or independent study course, but required a face-to-face class. The Board’s representative found an appropriate class that met one night a week.

(3) Debra Lee Carr completed PSY6490, DR: Orientation to Professional Counseling, as a directed reading class taught by Frank Baugh, PhD. at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

(4) PSY6490 provided a different learning environment, teaching method, and covered material that was different from PSY6010. PSY6490 was not the course the Board approved.

(5) Neither Debra Lee Carr, nor her counsel discussed with the Board or its counsel that Debra Lee Carr was not enrolled in and did not complete PSY6010 until after March 2013.

(6) Debra Lee Carr intentionally continued to take and complete PSY6490 without any notice, input, or response from the Board. Debra Lee Carr was aware that the Board did not

know she was enrolled in a directed reading course that was not the class specified in the Agreed Order.

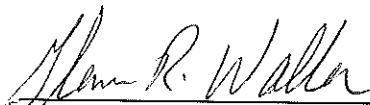
IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Board, based upon clear and convincing evidence, finds as follows:

1. That the Respondent, Debra Lee Carr, has violated the Agreed Order dated September 10, 2012, in accordance with the Findings of Fact under heading 9 above;
2. That the Board hereby suspends the license of the Respondent for a period of 120 days from the date of November 22, 2014 and
3. This the decision in this cause shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board as its official act and deed shall be reported and posted with the appropriate authorities and published as the need may arise and at the Board's discretion.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this the 8th day of December, 2014.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

BY:



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