

**ORDER OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS REGARDING ISSUANCE OF A PROBATED LICENSE
TO LINDA ANN (“LINANN”) TOWNSEND**

Comes now the State Committee for Professional Counselors and hereby issues its ORDER granting a PROBATED license to Linda Ann (LinAnn) Townsend (“Licensee”), pursuant to the provisions of §620.149, RSMo 2000. As set forth in §620.149.2, RSMo 2000, Licensee may submit a written request for a hearing to the Administrative Hearing Commission seeking review of the Board’s decision to issue a probated license to Licensee. Such written request must be submitted to the Administrative Hearing Commission within thirty (30) days of delivery or mailing of this Order by certified mail. The written request should be addressed to the Administrative Hearing Commission, P.O. Box 1557, Truman Building Rm. 604, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1557. If no written request for review is received by the Administrative Hearing Commission within the thirty (30) day period, the right to seek review of the Board’s decision shall be considered as waived.

I.

Based upon the foregoing, the Committee hereby states:

1. The State Committee for Professional Counselors (“Committee”) is an agency of the State of Missouri created and established pursuant to §337.535, RSMo 2000, for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of 337.500 through 337.540, RSMo 2000.
2. On or about February 7, 2003, the State Committee of Psychologists conducted

an investigation of Licensee. The investigation revealed Licensee was providing the following services without a license: counseling, couples therapy, treatment sessions, and consultation of a psychological nature.

3. Licensee's practice without a license was in violation of Section 337.505, RSMo 2000, which states in relevant part:

No person shall use the title of "professional counselor", "counselor" or "provisional licensed professional counselor" or engage in the practice of professional counseling in this state unless the person is licensed as required by the provisions of sections 337.500 to 337.540.

4. Cause exists for the Committee to deny Licensee's request for a license to practice professional counseling pursuant to the provisions of § 337.525.1 and § 337.525.2(6), RSMo 2000, which provides:

1. The committee may refuse to issue, renew or reinstate any license required by sections 337.500 to 337.540 for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The committee shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for refusal and shall advise the applicant of his right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo.

2. The committee may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any license required by sections 337.500 to 337.540 or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered his license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

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(6) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of sections 337.500 to 337.540, or of any unlawful rule or regulation adopted pursuant to sections 337.500 to 337.540;

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5. The Committee hereby issues this ORDER in lieu of denial of Licensee's request for a license to practice as a professional counselor in Missouri.

II.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Based on the foregoing, the license issued to Licensee is subject to the following restrictions:

1. Licensee is placed on PROBATION for a period of one (1) year ("disciplinary period"). During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall be entitled to engage in the practice of professional counseling provided Licensee adheres to all of the terms and conditions of this Order as set forth below:

A. Licensee shall meet at least one (1) hour per week face-to-face with current licensure supervisor, Timothy Taylor, during the term of the probation.

B. Mr. Taylor shall provide quarterly reports to the Committee verifying that Licensee is meeting with him at least one (1) hour per week. The report shall provide a brief synopsis of the topics of these meetings.

- C. After the first quarterly report, Licensee may petition the Committee to reduce the one-hour per week face-to-face meetings requirement.
- D. In the event Licensee wishes to change supervisors, Licensee must submit such change at least thirty (30) days in advance to the Committee for approval. The supervisor must be licensed as a professional counselor, psychologist, or psychiatrist.
- E. Licensee shall not provide supervision to a counselor-in-training or a provisional licensed professional counselor during the probation period and for at least two (2) years following the expiration of the probated license.
- F. Licensee shall inform the Board within ten (10) days of any change of home address or home telephone number.
- G. Licensee shall not violate any provisions of sections 337.500 to 337.540, RSMo 2000, and shall not allow her license to lapse.
- H. If Licensee fails to comply with the terms of this agreement, in any respect, the Committee may impose such additional or other discipline which it deems appropriate.

2. The Committee will maintain this Order as an open and public record of the Committee as provided in Chapters 337, 610 and 620, RSMo.

3. Upon the expiration of said discipline period, Licensee's license shall be fully

restored if all other requirements of law have been satisfied; provided, however, that in the event the Committee determines that the Licensee has violated any term or condition of this Order, the Committee may in its discretion, after an evidentiary hearing, vacate and set aside the discipline imposed herein and may suspend, revoke, or otherwise lawfully discipline the Licensee.

4. No order shall be entered by the Committee pursuant to the preceding paragraph of this Order without notice and an opportunity for hearing before the Committee in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 536, RSMo.

5. If the Committee determines that Licensee has violated a term or condition of this Order, which violation would also be actionable in a proceeding before the Administrative Hearing Commission or the circuit court, the Committee may elect to pursue any lawful remedies or procedures afforded it and is not bound by this agreement in its determination of appropriate legal actions concerning that violation.

SO ORDERED EFFECTIVE THIS 1 day of November, 2004.

COMMITTEE FOR PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS



Loree Kessler
Executive Director
Committee for Professional Counselors