

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE)
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS,)
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Petitioner,)
v.) Case No. 2022-07-000045
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PERRIS MONROW, Ph.D.,)
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Respondent.)

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 8, 2022 at approximately 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Two Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, Missouri, and pursuant to notice described in the Findings of Fact, the Missouri State Committee for Psychologists (Committee) took up the probation violation complaint alleging that Perris Monrow, Ph.D. (Monrow) has failed to comply with the terms of his probation.

The Committee appeared through Assistant Attorney General Amanda Mollett. Monrow appeared without legal counsel. Division of Professional Registration Chief Legal Counsel Sarah Ledgerwood served as the Committee’s legal advisor at the hearing, during deliberations, and in the preparation of this order.

Findings of Fact

1. The State Committee of Psychologists (“Committee”) is an agency of the State of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 337.050, RSMo, for

the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Sections 337.010 through 337.345, RSMo.

2. The Committee licensed Monrow as a psychologist, license number 2008022215 on December 19, 2009. Licensee's license is current and active but subject to probation.

3. On or about May 3, 2018, the Administrative Hearing Commission entered its decision in the case of *State Committee of Psychologists v. Perris Monrow*, Case No. 17-0073 PS, finding that Monrow's psychologist license, license number 2008022215, was subject to disciplinary action by the Committee pursuant to section 337.035.2(5) (6), (13), and (15), RSMo.

4. On or about September 13, 2018, the Committee held a hearing to determine the appropriate disciplinary action against Licensee's license and, on or about October 15, 2018, issued an order placing Monrow's license on probation for three years.

5. Monrow sought judicial review in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri of the Administrative Hearing Commission's decision finding cause to discipline his license and the Committee's disciplinary order placing his license on probation for three years. On January 16, 2020, the Circuit Court of Cole County affirmed the Administrative Hearing Commission's decision and the Committee's disciplinary order.

6. The terms and conditions of the disciplinary period in the Committee's October 15, 2018 Order state, in relevant part:

I. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Licensee's practice as a professional psychologist shall be monitored by a psychologist approved by the State Committee of Psychologists. Within twenty (20) business days of the effective date of this agreement, Licensee shall submit a list of no less than five (5) proposed psychologists to monitor Licensee's practice as a professional psychologist. The Committee may approve a psychologist from this list or may require a second list of five (5) psychologists which the Licensee shall submit within twenty (20) business days of the Committee's request. Monitoring is defined as one hour per week of individual face-to-face discussions reviewing clinical issues, case management, other professional activities (e.g., self-management, ethical issues, self-monitoring, mental status, behavioral issues, etc.), in monitor's or Licensee's office to include monthly review of billing practices and informed consent related to financial arrangements with clients. If Licensee has failed to secure a monitoring psychologist within twenty (20) business days from the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, Licensee shall cease practicing psychology until a monitoring psychologist is secured. Licensee shall be responsible for any payment associated with monitoring.

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II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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C. Licensee shall meet with the Committee or its representatives at such times and places as required by the Committee after notification of a required meeting.

D. Licensee shall submit reports to the State Committee for Psychologists, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, stating truthfully whether he has complied with all the terms and conditions of this Order by no later than March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 during each year of the disciplinary period.

7. On or about November 30, 2020, Monrow submitted the names and phone numbers of six individuals described to him as “Psychologists for Probation Monitoring” and asked the Committee to “[p]lease highly consider Robert Blattner to do the monitoring.”

8. On or about March 3, 2021, the Committee advised Monrow that they had reviewed the list of names of potential monitors and accepted all of them. The Committee directed Monrow to notify the Committee’s office as to which individual would be his monitor. On or about March 17, 2021, Monrow notified the Committee’s Executive Director that Robert Blattner agreed to serve as his monitor.

9. On or about March 22 and June 15, 2021, Monrow and Blattner submitted required reports to the Committee outlining what they discussed at the probation monitoring meetings.

10. The Committee subsequently discovered, however, that Blattner is not a licensed psychologist and is therefore not eligible to serve as a monitor for Monrow. Blattner is a professional counselor.

11. Because Blattner is not a licensed psychologist and could serve as Monrow’s monitor, in a letter dated July 13, 2021, the Committee asked Monrow to provide a new list of five doctoral level psychologists to serve as his mentoring psychologist as required by the October 15, 2018 Order.

12. On or about July 27, 2021, Monrow submitted a document to the Committee entitled “Appeal for Forgiveness” that did not include the names of any licensed psychologists to serve as his monitoring psychologist.

13. On or about August 9, 2021, Monrow submitted a document to the Committee entitled “Appeal for Leniency” that did not include the names of any licensed psychologists to serve as his monitoring psychologist.

14. On or about September 1, 2021, Monrow submitted a document to the Committee’s executive director stating that Blattner would be “very pleased” to continue serving as Monrow’s monitor.

15. On or about October 20, 2021, the Committee informed Monrow that it had reviewed all the information he submitted but required him to provide a list of five doctoral level psychologists to serve as his monitor as required by the Committee’s October 15, 2018 Order.

16. As of the date of this probation violation order, Licensee has not provided the Committee the names of any licensed psychologists to serve as his monitor.

17. Licensee’s conduct, as described in paragraphs 7 through 16, is in violation of Section IV, Paragraph I.A. of the October 15, 2018 Order.

18. Regarding the compliance reports required in Section IV, Paragraph II.D. of the Order, Licensee failed to timely receive the required December 1, 2021 report from Monrow. This conduct is in violation of Section IV, Paragraph II.D. of the October 15, 2018 Order.

19. On or about January 13, 2022, the Committee notified Monrow that he was required to meet with the Committee on March 3, 2022, during its quarterly meeting in St. Charles, Missouri.

20. On or about February 22, 2022, Monrow sent an email to the Committee's executive director. He stated that he had missed her email to him with the request to appear at the March 3, 2022 meeting because the email went to his "spam" folder. Despite what he claimed was "short notice," Monrow stated he "suppose[d he could] make it." In a subsequent email dated February 28, 2022, however, Licensee stated he could not appear at the March 3, 2022 meeting. Monrow did not appear at the March 3 meeting.

21. Licensee's conduct, as described in paragraphs 19 and 20, is in violation of Section IV, Paragraph II. C. of the October 15, 2018 Order.

22. At the December 8, 2022 hearing, the Committee heard testimony from Executive Director Pamela Groose on behalf of the Committee and accepted exhibits on behalf of the Committee.

23. At the December 8, 2022 hearing, the Committee also heard testimony from Monrow. Licensee testified that he "tried to get monitors many times" but "got no takers." He stated he never got one because "no one wanted to do it." Monrow testified that he tried to get a monitor even though he "thought it was dumb" and the Committee did not assign him one. Licensee testified that the first name he presented was not a licensed psychologist but he met with him several times before the Committee informed him the monitor must be a

psychologist. Licensee testified that he met with the individual at the individual's office but did not take his records to meeting. Licensee stated that he discussed clients but without records. Despite the requirement in the October 15, 2018 Order, Licensee stated he did not take the records because "I don't think he'd ever want to do that. I don't know anyone that would want to do that. To go picking through there, no way ... who's going to do that for an hour every week or something like that."

Conclusions of Law

24. The Committee has jurisdiction in this proceeding, pursuant to the October 15, 2018 Discipline Order and § 324.042, RSMo, to determine whether Monrow has violated the terms and conditions of the October 15, 2018 Discipline Order.

25. Section 324.042, RSMo states, in relevant part:

Any Committee . . . within the division of professional registration may impose additional discipline when it finds after hearing that a licensee . . . has violated any disciplinary terms previously imposed or agreed to pursuant to settlement. The Committee . . . may impose as additional discipline, any discipline it would be authorized to impose in an initial disciplinary hearing.

26. The October 15, 2018 Order, Section IV, Paragraph II, states, in relevant part:

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C. Licensee shall meet with the Committee or its representatives at such times and places as required by the Committee after notification of a required meeting.

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G. During the disciplinary period Licensee shall timely renew his license and timely pay all fees required for licensing and comply with all other Committee requirements necessary to maintain Licensee's license in a current and active state.

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I. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Committee's representatives to monitor his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

J. If Licensee fails to comply with the terms of this Order, in any respect, the Committee may impose such additional or other discipline that it deems appropriate, (including imposition of [] revocation).

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L. Upon expiration of the disciplinary period, Licensee's license as a psychologist in Missouri shall be fully restored, provided all provisions of this Order and all other requirements of law have been satisfied.

27. Monrow violated the terms of discipline set forth in the October 15, 2018 Order, as described in paragraphs 3 through 23 above for which the Committee has cause to further discipline Licensee's license as detailed in paragraphs 24 through 26 above.

Decision and Order

It is the decision of the Missouri State Committee of Psychologists that Monrow has violated the terms of the Joint Stipulation, and that his license is, therefore, subject to further disciplinary action.

The Missouri State Committee of Psychologists orders that the psychology license of Perris Monrow, number 2008022215, be and is hereby **REVOKED**.

Licensee shall immediately return all indicia of licensure to the Committee.

The Committee will maintain this Order as an open and public record of the Committee as provided in Chapters 337, 610, and 324, RSMo.

Entered this 11th day of January, 2023.

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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