

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE

In re:)	CONSENT
Charisse Stanko)	AGREEMENT
Complaint No. 2009-COU-5290)	

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Consent Agreement") concerning disciplinary action against the Clinical Professional Counselor license of Charisse Stanko. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Charisee Stanko ("Ms. Stanko"); the Maine State Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure ("Board"); and the State of Maine Office of the Attorney General ("Attorney General"). The Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A)(C), 32 M.R.S.A. § 13861(1), and Chapter 8 of the Board's Rules.

FACTS

1. Ms. Stanko is licensed as a clinical professional counselor in the State of Maine.
2. On October 2, 2006, Ms. Stanko submitted an application for renewal of her license for the 2006-2008 biennial licensure period. As part of her renewal application, Ms. Stanko attested that she had completed the 55 hours of continuing education necessary to be eligible for renewal. In reliance upon Ms. Stanko's attestation, the Board renewed her license.
3. The Board randomly audits ten (10) percent of its licensees' continuing education submissions. Ms. Stanko's submission was one of those audited. Although Ms. Stanko submitted 58.5 hours of continuing education, the audit revealed that she

obtained 8 of those hours are ineligible because they were completed outside the preceding licensure biennium. Therefore, Ms. Stanko was 4.5 hours, including 1 hour of ethics, short of meeting the 55 hour requirement. As a result, the Board filed this complaint ("Complaint").

4. Pursuant to Chapter 7, Section 1(D) and Chapter 8, Section 4(A) of the Board's Rules, all applicants for renewal of licensure with the Board must demonstrate satisfactory completion of fifty-five (55) hours of continuing education during the preceding licensure biennium.

5. Pursuant to Chapter 8, Section 4(A)(1) through (3), of the Board's Rules the 55 continuing education hours must be allotted as follows: 4 in professional counseling ethics; 15 in professional counseling supervision; and 36 in the theory and practice of professional counseling.

6. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A § 13861(1)(I), a violation of any provision of the Board's laws or Rules is subject to discipline by the Board.

7. The parties have agreed to enter into this Consent Agreement in order to resolve this matter.

COVENANTS

In order to resolve fully the matter against Ms. Stanko's license without further legal proceedings, it is agreed to among the parties that:

1. Ms. Stanko admits that she failed to complete all of the required 55 continuing education hours during the preceding licensure biennium;

2. Ms. Stanko agrees to accept a FORMAL WARNING as sanction for the above violation;

3. Ms. Stanko agrees to submit proof of satisfactory completion of 4.5 hours of eligible continuing education, 1 hour of which must be in the area of ethics, for which she was deficient for her 2006-2008 license biennial renewal within 90 days of the date upon which she signs the Consent Agreement. Ms. Stanko further agrees that these hours will not be eligible for credit toward any other renewal or licensure requirement and that she is responsible for all costs associated with the continuing education acquired pursuant to this Consent Agreement;

4. The Attorney General and the Board agree that no further agency or legal action will be taken against Ms. Stanko's license based on the facts described herein, except in the event that Ms. Stanko does not comply fully with the terms of the Consent Agreement. Any violation of the Consent Agreement will be an additional ground for discipline before the Board;

5. The Consent Agreement is not subject to appeal;

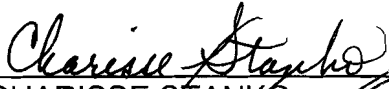
6. The Consent Agreement is not subject to amendment except by written agreement of all parties;

7. The Consent Agreement is a public document within the meaning of 1 M.R.S.A. § 402, et seq.;

8. Ms. Stanko understands that the execution of the Consent Agreement is completely voluntary and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before signing the Consent Agreement; and

9. Ms. Stanko understands that her signature indicates that she has read and understands the Consent Agreement and that she enters into it of her own free will.

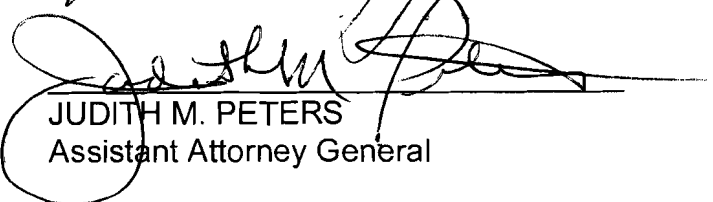
DATED: 07.18.2009


CHARISSE STANKO

DATED: 7.27.09


THEODORE CHAFFEE, Chair

DATED: 7/27/09


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