

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

IN THE MATTER OF)	NO. 11-001
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Steven Helmick,)	COMBINED STATEMENT OF
License No. 00128)	CHARGES, INFORMAL
)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
Respondent.)	AND CONSENT ORDER

The Iowa Board of Behavioral Science (Board) and Steven Helmick (Respondent), enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order (Agreement) pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2), 272C.3(4), and chapter 645 Iowa Administrative Code 12.1.

1. The Board issued Respondent license number 00128 on December 1, 1994, to practice as a mental health counselor in the State of Iowa. Respondent's license is currently active and expires September 30, 2012.

2. The Board has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 152D, and 272C. Licenses issued by the Board are subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and the administrative rules promulgated by the Board. Method of disciplines is stated at 645 IAC chapter 33.3.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

COUNT I

3. Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code sections 147.55(3) and 272C.10(3) (2009) with violating IAC Chapter 645 - 33.2(13) and 33.2(22) for failing to meet the continuing education requirement for licensure.

FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

4. Respondent notified the Board that he had completed his continuing education hours consistent with the rules for renewing his license for the biennium 10-1-2008 to 9-30-2010 but was unable to provide the necessary documentation verifying those continuing education hours and therefore failed a continuing education audit.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

5. Respondent has a right to receive notice of the charge and to request a hearing before the Board on the merits of the charge, but waives his right to notice and a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to appeal or seek judicial review of the Board's actions, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the final order of the Board in this case.

6. Respondent is freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement. Respondent agrees that the State's counsel may present this agreement to the Board and may have ex parte communications with the Board while presenting it.

7. This Agreement shall be part of Respondent's permanent record and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.

8. In the event Respondent violates or fails to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, the Board may impose other licensee discipline in accordance with Iowa Code §272C.3(2)(a).

9. This Agreement is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board does not approve this Agreement, it shall be of no force or effect on either party and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.

10. This Agreement is a public record pursuant to Iowa Code sections 272C.3(4) and 272C.6(4) (2009).

11. This Agreement shall not be binding as to any new complaints received by the Board.

CONSENT ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

12. Respondent shall complete the remaining twenty (20) hours of continuing education he needs to renew his license and provide the Board with certification of completion thereof within six (6) months of Board approval of this Agreement. Three (3) of those twenty (20) continuing education hours must be in ethics and all of these twenty (20) continuing education hours shall be obtained in person and not online.

WHEREFORE, the terms of this Statement of Charges Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science and Respondent.

This Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is approved by the Board May 6, 2011.