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Subject: Discussion of Proposed Enforcement Regulations

A number of revisions are proposed to the Board’s “Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse and Disciplinary Guidelines” (Revised December 2020, and incorporated by reference into Title 16, California Code of Regulations (16 CCR) section 1888). In addition, there are changes proposed to several regulation sections related to the enforcement process.

Background

The Board had approved many of these changes back in 2015. However, due to legislation that affected some of the proposed changes (AB 2138, Chapter 995, Statutes of 2018), this package was held. During the time it was being held, additional changes have been identified and are included in the proposal.

The “Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse” portion of the Disciplinary Guidelines document is based on the Uniform Standards created in response to SB 1441 (Chapter 549, Statutes of 2008) which required the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to establish the Substance Abuse Coordination Committee and develop such standards. The purpose was to address the increasing problem of substance abuse in the healthcare professions, and address inconsistent standards among licensing boards.

The proposed revisions to the Disciplinary Guidelines was initially presented to the Policy and Advocacy Committee in July 2022, where the Committee discussed a certain aspects of the proposed changes. Because this is a long and complex document and it will require continuing work. Staff is also working with DCA’s Regulation Unit attorneys and further language changes will be coming. At this meeting we will focus on areas unlikely to change as a result of DCA attorney feedback.

Proposed Changes

(**Note – Page number references refer to the page number in the bottom left-hand corner of the Uniform Standards/Disciplinary Guidelines document.**)

1. Uniform Standards/Disciplinary Guidelines: Recommended Language for Registrant Applicants and Registrants

Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 23.7 states that the use of the term “license”, when used in the BPC, also includes the term “registration” within its meaning. In other words, when the law uses the term “license”, that includes both license holders and registrants unless otherwise specified. To streamline the Uniform Standards/Disciplinary Guidelines, most references to “registrant” and “registration” throughout the document have been stricken where the term “license” or “licensee” will suffice.

2. Amendment to CCR §1888 and Uniform Standards (P. 4): Violations Involving Abuse of Drugs and/or Alcohol

This section is undergoing revision by the DCA Regulation Unit attorneys. That language will be provided at the next meeting.

3. Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse (Pages 4 - 14)

Because this section is based on the DCA Uniform Standards, we are limited in the types of changes that can be made. However, we can make minor changes, such as defining terms when the term is subject to multiple interpretations, or when the term used is unfamiliar to our regulated communities, for example.

DCA Regulation Unit attorneys have informed us that we cannot make the following previously proposed changes:

- We cannot replace the term “drug” with “alcohol and controlled substances”, so these changes have been removed.
- We cannot require a supervisor to have provided psychotherapy or direct clinical supervision of psychotherapy for at least two years within the five-year period immediately preceding any supervision (this had been proposed at the July 2022 Committee meeting).
- We cannot change the tolling section (p. 12) to say that a licensee must notify the board upon resumption of providing therapy to clients in California. We will instead try language that says, “upon their return to practice” but this may not be approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

The remaining amendments that can be made to the Uniform Standards would do the following:

- Use less stigmatizing language when referencing substance use
- Use gender-neutral terms
- Make minor clarifying changes

- Clarify that a clinical evaluator, a supervisor or a group meeting facilitator is prohibited from having a therapeutic relationship with the licensee to avoid potential bias or conflict of interest (pages 5, 6 and 8).
- Clarify that tolling cannot be granted after a positive test result is received or if the licensee has been suspended (page 13).
- Modify item #2 under Criteria to Petition for Reinstatement to Unrestricted License by a rehabilitation program to include monitoring, consistent with model disciplinary order language (page 13).
- Incorporate changes to the Uniform Standards that were made in 2019. Page 13 #6 was added in regards to supervision and testing, though it isn't directly applicable to our licensees as they don't typically have a supervisor on-site (also see minor change on page 11 #9).

II. PENALTY GUIDELINES (Section II, Pages 15 - 33)

Minimum Penalty Column Heading

The proposed amendments would clarify that the items listed under the "Minimum Penalty" column are individual terms to be selected as warranted based on the circumstances of the case. This is needed for clarity, as sometimes Administrative Law Judges will list all possible penalties even if not warranted. In addition, some current lists of penalties include penalties under the subheading "And if warranted:". This is proposed to be stricken because all possible penalties should be considered, and all penalties listed are "if warranted."

Minimum Years of Probation

For Discussion: At the July 2022 Committee meeting, a question was raised as to whether the 5-year minimum length of probation for most categories was too punitive, especially since the Board is moving more toward a rehabilitative perspective. The Committee may wish to discuss the categories with a minimum 5-year probation, which are:

- Commission of an Act Punishable as a Sexually Related Crime
- Impaired Ability to Function Safely Due to Mental Illness or Physical Illness Affecting Competency or Chemical Dependency
- Chemical Dependency /or Use of Drugs Controlled Substances or Alcohol With Client While Performing Services
- Intentionally / Recklessly Causing Physical or Emotional Harm to Client
- Gross Negligence / Incompetence
- Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to Duties, Qualifications, and Functions of a Licensee / Registrant
- Violates Exam Security / Subversion of Licensing Exam
- Impersonating Licensee / Allowing Impersonation

Suspension

The proposed amendment would strike the word “actual” when describing a suspension. There are no other types of suspensions thus this word is unnecessary.

Take and Pass Licensure Examinations

This penalty is proposed to be stricken for several reasons. First, any licensee would have already passed the exams, and it is not clear that there is any benefit to having them retake the exams. A registrant is not yet eligible to take the exams until they have met all other licensure requirements. And the vast majority of the exam questions would not pertain to the violation. In addition, the process of registering a licensee to take the exam poses some administrative hurdles that can be overcome but are time-consuming. The option to require a Law and Ethics course as a penalty is proposed to be added to all violation categories, and may be a reasonable substitute for the exam requirement.

Education

The proposed amendment would clarify that education must pertain to the violation.

Law and Ethics Course

This penalty is proposed to be added to all minimum penalty lists, as a law and ethics course would be an appropriate penalty for all types of violations.

Rehabilitation Program

This penalty has been modified to add “and monitoring” for consistency with related changes elsewhere.

Regulation Sections

Certain subsections of 16 CCR sections 1845, 1858 and 1881 duplicate statute, thus are proposed to be stricken throughout the penalty guidelines.

1. Penalty Guidelines (Page 16): Sexual Misconduct with Client or Former Client

This proposed amendment clarifies that the law requires revocation/denial.

2. Penalty Guidelines (Page 17): Sexual Misconduct (General)

This proposed amendments would:

- Provide for a minimum suspension of 60 days rather than 120 days. In some cases a shorter suspension may be warranted.
- Remove minimum penalties that pertain to alcohol or controlled substances. If the licensee has a substance use violation, then the penalties in the separate section for that violation would apply.

3. Penalty Guidelines (Page 18): Sexually Related Crime

This proposed amendment would provide for a minimum suspension of 60 days rather than 120 days. In some cases a shorter suspension may be warranted.

4. Penalty Guidelines (Page 19): Chemical Dependency

The proposed amendments would:

- Provide for a minimum suspension of 60 days rather than 120 days. In some cases a shorter suspension may be warranted. In addition, sometimes the board receives results of the licensee's psychiatric evaluation fairly quickly.
- Strike duplicated text regarding the supervised practice penalty option.
- Strike the education penalty option, as education is always part of a rehabilitation program, and therefore not necessary to specify here.
- Add recovery support program and relapse prevention plan to penalties, consistent with new terms proposed to be added to penalty guidelines.

5. Penalty Guidelines (Page 21): Intentionally/Recklessly Causing Harm

This proposed amendment would provide for a minimum suspension of 60 days rather than 90 days. In some cases a shorter suspension may be warranted.

6. Penalty Guidelines (Page 22): Gross Negligence/Incompetence

The proposed amendments would:

- Add a reference to BPC section 4992.3(e), which pertains to gross negligence. Right now, only 4992.3(d) is referenced (incompetence).
- Strike duplicative text regarding supervised practice.

At the July 2022 meeting, it was questioned as to whether the terms related to alcohol and substance use components belong here. Staff was able to confirm that these terms are not necessary. If the licensee has a substance use violation, then the penalties in the separate section for that violation would apply.

7. Penalty Guidelines (Page 23): General Unprofessional Conduct

This proposed amendments would add standard penalties related to alcohol and controlled substances. These may be needed as an option when the Board becomes aware of a substance use problem but there is not a conviction. An example would be a meth pipe with residue found in the driver's pocket when they were pulled over.

8. Penalty Guidelines (Page 24): Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime

This proposed amendments would:

- Strike the note that says “Costs and conditions of probation depend on the nature of the criminal offense.” This is true in all categories and is not necessary to be stated here.
- Add recovery support program and relapse prevention plan to penalties, consistent with new terms proposed to be added to penalty guidelines.

9. Penalty Guidelines (Page 28): Improper Supervision

For Discussion: Is a suspension of license always warranted in cases of improper supervision? Should it be moved to maximum penalty column? When a licensee is on probation they are already not allowed to supervise. In some cases the licensee may be a good clinician but not a good supervisor, and thus may be no risk to their own clients. This issue was presented at the July 2022 meeting. However, the Committee did not discuss to the extent that direction was received on possible language to be drafted.

10. Penalty Guidelines (Page 29): Violations of the Chapter or Regulations Involving Supervision of Experience Hours

The proposed amendments would strike the following penalties pertaining to registrants:

- Strike the penalty that requires registration to be placed on probation until license issued. This is not necessary as probation automatically transfers over to the license once issued.
- Strike the penalty that requires the license to be issued on probation for one year. The remaining probation time frame may be more or less than one year.

11. Add to Penalty Guidelines (Page 31): Engaging in Sexual Orientation Change Efforts with a Patient Under Age 18

SB 1172 (Lieu, Chapter 835, Statutes of 2012) made it unprofessional conduct to engage in any sexual orientation change efforts with a patient under the age of 18.

The Committee may wish to discuss if the penalties chosen are appropriate. Staff chose to use the same minimum and maximum penalties used for the unprofessional conduct violation of “*Intentionally / Recklessly Causing Physical or Emotional Harm to Client.*”

12. Add to Penalty Guidelines (Pages 32 - 33): Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative Unprofessional Conduct Provisions Pertaining to Records, Reporting and Investigations

The Board added five unprofessional conduct provisions via regulation for each license type based on direction from DCA's Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI). These provisions, which became effective July 1, 2013, pertain to Board investigations and include such violations as failing to report a conviction or disciplinary action, failure to provide records, or failure to cooperate in a Board investigation.

This proposed amendments would add minimum and maximum penalties for the new unprofessional conduct provisions to the Penalty Guidelines.

The Committee may wish to discuss if the penalties chosen are appropriate. Staff used a selection of the minimum and maximum penalties used for the unprofessional conduct violations of "*General Unprofessional Conduct*" and "*Violations of the Chapter or Regulations by Licensees or Registrants*" as a guide.

Note: The violation "Failure to Provide the Board with Arrest Documentation within 30 Days of Request" was previously proposed to be added, but is now stricken. This addition is no longer applicable due to the passage of AB 2138.

III. MODEL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

1. Prohibit Prior Relationship with Probation-Required Evaluator, Therapist or Supervisor (Pages 36 - 40)

As a condition of probation, a licensee or registrant may be required to see a psychotherapist, undergo a clinical evaluation, receive supervised practice, or attend a recovery support program. The Guidelines currently prohibit a personal, professional, or business relationship with one's supervisor, clinical diagnostic evaluator, psychotherapist, or with the meeting facilitator of a recovery support program.

There have been several instances of probationers wanting to use a therapist whom they have already seen for therapy for one of these roles. This is counter to the intent of the law, that there is no "personal" or "professional" relationship. However, several probationers have argued that a personal or professional relationship is not the same as a therapeutic relationship. To clarify the intent of the law, a "therapeutic" relationship has been added to the list of prohibited relationships for each role.

2. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation (Page 36)

The amendments would:

- Move this section from being term #4 to being term #2. It is commonly used, so placing it higher in the list is helpful.

- Increase the time frame during which the Respondent must obtain the evaluation from 20 days to 30 days.
- Specify that the Board must approve the evaluator.
- Require that the evaluation be performed by an evaluator who holds a valid unrestricted California license that allows the licensee to perform clinical diagnostic evaluations.
- Specify that the evaluator shall not have a financial, personal, business, professional or therapeutic relationship with the Respondent.
- Specify that the evaluator must provide an objective, unbiased and independent evaluation.
- Clarify that failure to pay for the report timely is a violation of probation.
- Require Respondent to sign a release authorizing the evaluator to communicate with the Board.
- Specify what happens if Respondent is determined to be unfit to practice safely, including issuance of a suspension and revocation of probation.
- Strike “either full-time or part-time” from language regarding return to practice after suspension of the Respondent’s license. The Board must determine that the Respondent is able to safely practice period.
- Include the following items from the Uniform Standards:
 - Require the evaluator to have three years of experience conducting evaluations of health professionals with substance use disorders.
 - Require the evaluation report to address specific topics.

At the July 2022 meeting, stakeholders questioned why only psychologists and psychiatrists were permitted to perform such evaluations. The language has been updated to allow any licensed professional whose scope of practice allows them to perform such an evaluation and, in accordance with the Uniform Standards, has three years of experience conducting evaluations of health professionals with substance use disorders.

In addition, the question arose regarding payment for the evaluation, and whether it would be possible for the Board to pay for the evaluation since it can be a barrier. However, upon discussion with the Board’s legal counsel, it is critical that such an evaluation be neutral. If the Board paid for it, it could be perceived as being compromised or biased and the licensee could challenge it on that basis.

3. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Psychological/Psychiatric Evaluation (Page 37)

The amendments would:

- Specify that the Board must approve the evaluator rather than appoint one.

- Clarify that the evaluator must hold a valid, unrestricted California license as a psychologist, or as a physician and surgeon who is Board-certified in psychiatry.
- Clarify that the release of information allows the evaluator to communicate with the Board rather than simply releasing information to the Board.
- Specify that the evaluator shall not have a financial, personal, business, professional or therapeutic relationship with the Respondent.
- Specify that the evaluator must provide an objective, unbiased and independent evaluation.
- Strike the “note” that requires the addition of supervised practice to the disciplinary order if the evaluator finds it to be a need. This note is not necessary as the next sentence covers this issue.
- Change “unable to practice independently and safely” to “unfit to practice safely.” This wording better describes the possible finding of the evaluation. Because registrants do not practice “independently” this term is proposed to be removed, and can be removed because evaluation of a fully licensed person automatically presumes independent practice.
- Clarify that a finding of being unfit to practice safely is a violation of probation.
- Clarify that any period of suspension does not reduce the time on probation.
- Strike the “FYI” as this text, including the term “FYI” is sometimes erroneously placed into disciplinary orders by the DAG. This information has now been added into the first paragraph of the text above without the “FYI”.

At the July 2022 meeting, stakeholders questioned why only psychologists and psychiatrists were permitted to perform such evaluations. This is because a psychological evaluation falls only under a psychologist’s scope of practice and a psychiatric evaluation falls only under a psychiatrist’s scope of practice.

In addition, the question arose regarding payment for the evaluation, and whether it would be possible for the Board to pay for the evaluation since it can be a barrier. However, upon discussion with the Board’s legal counsel, it is critical that such an evaluation be neutral. If the Board paid for it, it could be perceived as being compromised or biased and the licensee could challenge it on that basis.

4. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Psychotherapy (Page 38)

The amendments would:

- Increase the amount of time Respondent has to submit for approval the name and qualifications of the mental health professional from 15 days to 30 days.
- Clarify that the mental health professional must hold an unrestricted license.
- Strike the paragraph that requires the Respondent to obtain the board’s written permission to receive therapy via videoconferencing.

- Clarify that the Board may determine that a reduction in the frequency of psychotherapy is warranted.
- Clarify that the release of information allows the evaluator to communicate with the Board rather than simply releasing information to the Board.
- Reduces the number of days the mental health professional has to notify the board that the Respondent cannot practice safely, from three working days to one working day.
- Clarify that the Board shall issue a suspension if the mental health professional finds that Respondent cannot practice safely.
- Clarify that a finding that an individual is unfit to practice safely is a violation of probation.
- Clarify that any period of suspension does not reduce the time on probation.
- Strike the term that requires Respondent to document compliance with this condition in the manner required by the Board. This is not necessary as this is part of the quarterly probationer report.
- Strike the “FYI” as this text is sometimes erroneously placed into disciplinary orders and is only meant to be information for the DAG. This information has now been added into the first paragraph of the text above without the “FYI”.

For Discussion: At the July 2022 meeting, stakeholders questioned whether an Associate would qualify to provide therapy. Also, should this section specify the type of therapy (individual vs. group and length of sessions, etc.)?

5. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Supervised Practice (Page 40)

The amendments would:

- Require a respondent to cease practice until a supervisor is found if a supervisor has not been approved within 45 days of the effective date of the decision.
- Clarify that a supervisor must possess a valid unrestricted license, and have held that license for at least two years.
- Clarifies that a registrant may not serve as a supervisor.
- Require a supervisor to have actively practiced for at least 2 of the past 5 years.
- Specify that the Board or its designee must approve the supervisor.
- Strike the requirement that the supervisor be in the respondent’s same field of practice. This had been interpreted to mean that the supervisor must have the same type of license as the Respondent. However, due to shortages in the field, it is not always possible to find someone with the same license. In addition, a mental health professional with a different type of license does not preclude their ability to evaluate the Respondent’s performance in providing services.
- Strike the terms pertaining to respondent being unable to secure a supervisor in their field of practice for the same reason as above.

- Strike wording that requires the supervisor to be “independent.” It is unclear what this means in this context. The other requirements for supervisors as set forth in the rest of the sentence help to prevent bias, which may be what this means.
- Require the supervisor to not be Respondent’s clinical experience supervisor.
- Require the Respondent to sign a release authorizing the supervisor to communicate with the Board, and strike language requiring completion of consent forms.
- Decrease the number of days that the Respondent has to notify the Board if the supervisor is no longer available from 15 days to three (3) days.
- Clarify that if respondent does not secure a new Board-approved supervisor, this shall be a violation of probation.

6. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Education Pertaining to the Violation (Page 41)

The amendments would:

- Specify the number of hours of coursework to be completed rather than specifying the number of semester units or the equivalent.
- Specify that coursework must be taken through a Board-accepted provider, and no longer require courses to be at the graduate level. It can be difficult and expensive to obtain courses at the graduate level on the specific topic needed.
- Strike the classroom attendance requirement.
- Increase the time frame for course completion from one year to 18 months or the time frame approved.
- Strike the “FYI” as this text sometimes erroneously placed into disciplinary orders and is only meant to be information for the DAG. In addition, there are other types of violations that are appropriate for the this term than those listed.

7. New Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Attend Recovery Support Program (Page 42)

This proposed amendment adds a new optional term of probation requiring, if the Board so chooses, the probationer to attend a recovery support program. Alcoholics Anonymous is an example of such a program. The Board sometimes requires this as a term of probation, even though it is currently not included in the list of “Optional Terms and Conditions of Probation”. The proposed language for the new term was developed by the Attorney General’s office with the assistance of Board staff.

8. New Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Relapse Prevention Plan (Page 42)

For Discussion: This amendment had originally been proposed as a new optional term of probation requiring, if the Board so chooses, the probationer to complete a

relapse prevention plan. This term would be for those who don't meet the criteria for a rehabilitation program. Such individuals would instead be attending a recovery support program such as AA, and an integral component of recovery support is relapse prevention planning.

Therefore, is such a plan actually necessary to require? Also, is it appropriate that a plan, which may be very personal, be submitted to the Board? Or, is this term beneficial to the extent that it should be included? In addition, what does the respondent's "current status" in recovery or rehabilitation mean? We will need to quantify this.

At the Committee's meeting in July 2022, the following additional issues were brought forward:

- Should a relapse prevention plan be required only if the Respondent's therapist recommends it?
- Is such a plan enforceable?
- How would the Board ensure the plan is effective? Should criteria or a template be developed by the Board?
- Is 15 days too short of a time frame for submission? May not allow for a thoughtful plan or ability to discuss with a therapist.

9. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Rehabilitation and Monitoring Program (Page 42)

This section is currently undergoing review by the DCA Regulation Unit attorneys.

10. Optional Terms and Conditions of Probation: Abstain from Controlled Substances/Submit to Testing AND Abstain from Use of Alcohol/Submit to Testing (Page 43)

These two sections have been combined. Any individual with an alcohol use disorder will be required to abstain from and test for all controlled substances and vice-versa.

11. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Physical Evaluation (Page 44)

The proposed amendments would:

- No longer require that the report address ability to function "independently" as the Respondent may be a registrant who practices under supervision. In addition, this would automatically be part of an evaluation of fitness to practice for a fully licensed person.
- Specify that the release of information must authorize the physician to communicate with the Board as opposed to simply releasing information.

- Clarify that the Board shall issue a suspension if the mental health professional finds that Respondent cannot practice safely.
- Clarify that a finding that an individual is unfit to practice safely is a violation of probation.
- Clarify that any period of suspension does not reduce the time on probation.

12. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Monitor Billing System (Page 44)

An amendment states that failure to pay for billing system monitoring in a timely fashion is a violation of probation. This mirrors language that is already in the “Monitor Billing System Audit” term of probation.

13. Optional Term and Condition of Probation: Law and Ethics Course (Page 45)

The amendments would:

- Specify the number of hours of law and ethics coursework to be completed rather than specifying the number of semester units or the equivalent.
- Specify that coursework must be taken through a Board-approved provider and to no longer require the course to be at the graduate level. It can be difficult and expensive to obtain coursework at the graduate level.
- Strike the requirement that classroom attendance is required.
- Increase the time frame for course completion from one year to 18 months or the time frame approved.
- Strike the “FYI” as this text sometimes erroneously placed into disciplinary orders and is only meant to be information for the DAG. In addition, there are other types of violations that are appropriate for the this term than those listed.

14. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Obey all Laws (Page 46)

Requires fingerprints to be submitted unless “currently on file with the board.”

15. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: File Quarterly Reports (Page 46)

Strikes a reference to the specific “Quarterly Report Form” referenced in regulations.

16. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Failure to Practice/Tolling (Pg. 47)

This section is currently undergoing review by the DCA Regulation Unit attorneys.

17. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Change of Place of Employment or Residence (Page 47)

This amendment would require the Respondent to notify the board within 30 days of any change of email address. The board often communicates via email and this would help ensure continuity in communication.

18. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Notification to Clients (Page 48)

Strike the “FYI” as this text sometimes erroneously placed into disciplinary orders and is only meant to be information for the DAG. The board already works with probationers regarding this term and it is not necessary to be listed here.

19. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Notification to Employer (Page 48)

Require the Respondent to provide a copy of the Decision and the Statement of Issues or Accusation when they are a contractor, in addition to their employer.

20. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Violation of Probation (Page 48)

The proposed amendments would:

- Clarify that the Board may “seek to” set aside the stay order and impose discipline, as the Board cannot automatically do so without providing due process. In addition, the proposal would clarify how the Board may seek such action.
- Clarify that it would be the board who requests the AG’s office to prepare certain legal documents.

21. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: License Surrender (Page 49)

Clarify the correct license certificates that must be returned to the Board under a voluntary surrender.

22. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Notification to Referral Services (Page 49)

Strike this term as the Board no longer registers referral services.

23. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Reimbursement of Probation Program (Page 50)

The amount the Board charges for reimbursement of probation is \$1,200 per year. This is an amount that was established by the Board several years ago, and applies to all probationers uniformly. It assumes a staff monitoring cost of \$100 per month per probationer. Because this is a standard cost that is not subject to change or negotiation, staff proposes including the rate of \$1,200 per year, instead of leaving the standard language blank and having the amount filled in later.

24. Standard Term and Condition of Probation: Cost Recovery (Page 50)

Instead of requiring that a cost recovery payment plan tailored to each probationer be incorporated into the standard language of this term, this amendment proposes including a statement that the respondent shall make payments pursuant to a payment plan outlined by the Board. This allows the payment plan to be provided on a separate form. In addition, text has been added to clarify that the Respondent can make the payment online.

IV. BOARD POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

1. Stipulated Settlements (Page 51)

Clarify that the Respondent may be required to admit to violations set forth in the Statement of Issues.

2. Recommended Language for License Surrenders (Pages 51 - 53)

The proposed amendments would:

- Add a heading for the Order language to help staff and the Attorney General's office more easily find and use this language.
- Replace surrender order language with language being used in current orders.

3. Recommended Probation Language for Applicants for Registration (Page 53)

Clarify that respondent must have completed all registration requirements before they will be issued a registration.

4. Recommended Language for License Revocation (Page 53)

Add revocation order language that mirrors language being used in current orders.

5. Reinstatement/Reduction of Penalty Hearings (Page 55)

This section is undergoing review by DCA Regulation Unit attorneys.

Recommendation

Conduct an open discussion of the proposed regulations. Direct staff to make any discussed changes and any non-substantive changes to the proposed language and bring back to the Committee for additional work.

Attachment

Proposed Changes to Uniform Standards/Disciplinary Guidelines

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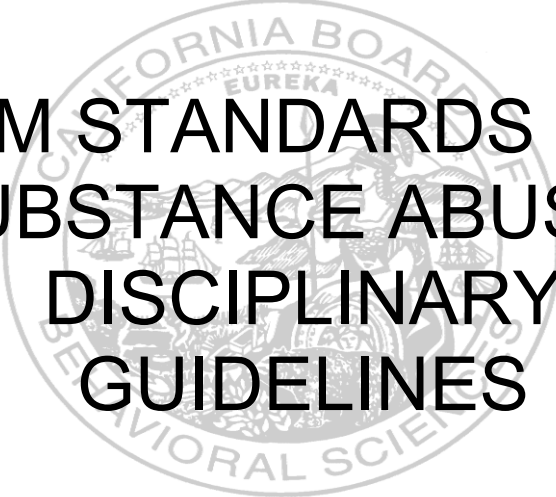
**NOTE: CHANGES FROM THE JULY 2022 MEETING
ARE SHOWN IN GREEN**

**SHADED SECTIONS ARE UNDERGOING FURTHER
CHANGES THAT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE
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UNIFORM STANDARDS RELATED
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INTRODUCTION

The Board of Behavioral Sciences (hereinafter “the Board”) is a consumer protection agency with the primary mission of protecting consumers by establishing and maintaining standards for competent and ethical behavior by the professionals under its jurisdiction. In keeping with its mandate, the Board has adopted the following uniform standards related to substance abuse and recommended guidelines for the intended use of those involved in the disciplinary process: Administrative Law Judges, respondents and attorneys involved in the discipline process, as well as Board members who review proposed decisions and stipulations and make final decisions.

These guidelines consist of four parts:

I. Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse – for those licensees and registrants with a violation related to alcohol and/or a controlled substance, or whose license ~~or registration~~ is on probation due to a substance abuse violation;

II. Penalty Guidelines - an identification of the types of violations and range of penalties for which discipline may be imposed;

III. Model Disciplinary Orders - language for proposed terms and conditions of probation; and

IV. Board Policies and Guidelines – for various enforcement actions.

The Board expects the penalty imposed to be commensurate with the nature and seriousness of the violation.

These penalty guidelines apply only to the formal disciplinary process and do not apply to other alternatives available to the Board, such as citations and fines. See Business and Professions Code [§section 125.9](#) and Title 16 California Code of Regulations [§section 1886](#).

All references to the word “license” or “licensee” throughout this document shall also be interpreted as meaning “registration” or “registrant,” respectively, unless otherwise specified, consistent with Business and Professions Code sections 23.7 and 23.8.

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I. Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse

Whether the Board's "Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse" apply depends on whether the licensee is found to be a substance abusing licensee. If the conduct found to be a violation involves the abuse of controlled substances and/or alcohol, the violation is presumed to be a substance abuse violation. If the licensee successfully rebuts the presumptive finding that the violation is a substance abuse violation, then the "Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse" do not have to be used. Conversely, if the licensee does not rebut the presumption, then the "Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse" must be used, without deviation. The Board may order a licensee to undergo a psychological evaluation or clinical diagnostic evaluation by an evaluator approved by the Board to determine whether the licensee has a substance use disorder.

Uniform Standards ~~For~~ for Licensees ~~Or Registrants~~ Whose License ~~Or Registration Is On~~ is on Probation ~~Due To A~~ due to a Substance Abuse Violation

The following standards shall apply in all cases in which a license ~~or registration~~ is placed on probation due, in whole or in part, to a substance abuse violation, unless the licensee ~~or registrant~~ successfully rebuts the presumption that that the violation is a substance abuse violation.

Clinical Diagnostic Evaluations

Whenever a licensee ~~or registrant~~ is ordered to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation, the evaluator shall be a licensed practitioner who holds a valid, unrestricted license to conduct clinical diagnostic evaluations, has three (3) years experience in providing evaluations of health care professionals with substance ~~abuse-use~~ disorders, and is approved by the Board. The evaluations shall be conducted in accordance with acceptable professional standards for conducting substance ~~abuse-use disorder~~ clinical diagnostic evaluations.

The following practice restrictions apply to each licensee ~~or registrant~~ who is ordered to undergo ~~es~~ a clinical diagnostic evaluation:

1. The Board shall suspend the license ~~or registration~~ during the clinical diagnostic evaluation pending the results of the clinical diagnostic evaluation and review by the Board.
2. While awaiting the results of a clinical diagnostic evaluation, the licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall be randomly drug tested at least two (2) times per week.

Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation Report

The clinical diagnostic evaluation report shall set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, whether the licensee ~~or registrant~~ has a substance ~~abuse problem~~ use disorder, whether the licensee ~~or registrant~~ is a threat to ~~himself or herself~~ or others, and recommendations for substance abuse use disorder treatment, practice, restrictions, or other recommendations related to the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ rehabilitation and safe practice.

The evaluator shall not have a financial, personal, business, ~~or~~ professional, ~~or~~ therapeutic relationship with the licensee ~~or registrant~~. The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and independent evaluation.

If the evaluator determines during the evaluation process that a licensee ~~or registrant~~ is a threat to ~~himself or herself~~ or others, the evaluator shall notify the ~~b~~Board within 24 hours of such a determination.

For all evaluations, a final written report shall be provided to the Board no later than ten (10) days from the date the evaluator is assigned the matter evaluation unless the evaluator requests additional information to complete the evaluation, not to exceed 30 calendar days.

The Board shall review the clinical diagnostic evaluation to determine whether or not the licensee ~~or registrant~~ is safe to return to either part-time or full-time practice and what restrictions or recommendations should be imposed on the licensee ~~or registrant~~ based on the application of the following criteria:

1. License ~~or registration~~ type;
2. Licensee ~~or registrant's~~ history;
3. Documented length of sobriety;
4. Scope and pattern of substance abuse;
5. Treatment history;
6. Medical history;
7. Current medical condition;
8. Nature, duration and severity of substance ~~abuse problem~~ use disorder; and
9. Whether the licensee ~~or registrant~~ is a threat to ~~himself or herself~~ or others.

No licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall be returned to practice until ~~he or she~~ the licensee has at least 30 calendar days of negative drug tests.

When determining if the licensee ~~or registrant~~ should be required to participate in inpatient, outpatient, or any other type of treatment, the Board shall take into consideration the recommendation of the clinical diagnostic evaluation, license ~~or registration~~ type, licensee ~~or registrant's~~ history, length of sobriety, scope and pattern of substance abuse, treatment history, medical history, current medical condition, nature, duration and severity of substance abuse and whether the licensee ~~or registrant~~ is a threat to ~~himself or herself~~ or others.

Supervisor Requirements

If the Board determines that a supervisor is necessary for a particular licensee ~~or registrant~~, the supervisor must meet the following requirements to be considered for approval by the Board:

1. The supervisor shall not have a current or former financial, personal, business, ~~or professional, or therapeutic~~ relationship with the licensee ~~or registrant~~, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the ability of the supervisor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board. If it is impractical for anyone but the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ employer to serve as the supervisor, this requirement may be waived by the Board; however, under no circumstances shall a licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ supervisor be an employee or supervisee of the licensee ~~or registrant~~.
2. The supervisor's license scope of practice shall include the scope of practice of the licensee ~~or registrant~~ who is being monitored or be another health care professional if no supervisor with a like scope of practice is available.
3. The supervisor shall be a current California licensed practitioner and have an active unrestricted license, with no disciplinary action within the last five (5) years.
4. The supervisor shall sign an affirmation that ~~he or she has~~ they have reviewed the terms and conditions of the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ disciplinary order and agrees to monitor the licensee ~~or registrant~~ as set forth by the Board.

The supervisor must adhere to the following required methods of monitoring the licensee ~~or registrant~~:

1. Have a face-to-face contact with the licensee ~~or registrant~~ in the work environment on as frequent a basis as determined by the Board, but at least once per week.

2. Interview other staff in the office regarding the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ behavior, if applicable.
3. Review the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ work attendance.

Reporting by the supervisor to the Board shall be as follows:

1. Any suspected substance abuse must be orally reported to the Board and the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ employer within one (1) business day of occurrence. If the occurrence is not during the Board's normal business hours, the oral report must be within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written report shall be submitted to the Board within 48 hours of occurrence.
2. The supervisor shall complete and submit a written report directly to the Board monthly or as directed by the Board. The report shall include:
 - a. the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ name;
 - b. license ~~or registration~~ number;
 - c. supervisor's name and signature;
 - d. supervisor's license number;
 - e. worksite location(s);
 - f. dates licensee ~~or registrant~~ had face-to-face contact with supervisor;
 - g. worksite staff interviewed, if applicable;
 - h. attendance report;
 - i. any change in behavior and/or personal habits; and
 - j. any indicators that can lead to suspected substance abuse.

The licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall complete the required consent forms and sign an agreement with the supervisor and the Board to allow the Board to communicate with the supervisor.

Chemical Dependency Support or Recovery Group Meetings

If the Board requires a licensee ~~or registrant~~ to participate in chemical dependency support or recovery group meetings, the Board shall take the following into consideration when determining the frequency of required group meeting attendance:

1. the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ history;
2. the documented length of sobriety;
3. the recommendation of the clinical diagnostic evaluator;
4. the scope and pattern of substance abuse;
5. the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ treatment history; and
6. the nature, duration, and severity of substance abuse.

The group meeting facilitator of a chemical dependency support or recovery group that a Board licensee ~~or registrant~~ is required to participate in must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a minimum of three (3) years experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of substance ~~abuse~~ use disorders;
2. Be licensed or certified by the state or ~~other a~~ nationally certified organizations to provide substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder recovery services;
3. Does not have a financial, personal, business, ~~or~~ professional, or therapeutic relationship with the licensee ~~or registrant~~ within the last year;
4. Must provide the Board a signed document showing the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ name, the group name, the date and location of the meetings, the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ attendance, and the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ level of participation and progress.
5. Must report to the Board any unexcused absence of a Board licensee ~~or registrant~~ being required to participate within 24 hours.

Major and Minor Violations

Major violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Failure to complete any Board-ordered program;
2. Failure to undergo a required clinical diagnostic evaluation;
3. Committing more than one minor violations of probation conditions and terms;
4. Treating a patient while under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
5. Committing any drug or alcohol offense that is a violation of the Business and Professions Code, or other state or federal law;
6. Failure to report for drug and alcohol testing when ordered;

7. Testing positive for alcohol and/or a controlled substance;
8. Knowingly using, making, altering or possessing any object or product in such a way as to defraud a drug test designed to detect the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

If a licensee ~~or registrant~~ commits a major violation, the Board shall automatically suspend the license ~~or registration~~ and refer the matter for disciplinary action or other action as determined by the Board.

The consequences for a major violation include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. License ~~or registration~~ shall be suspended;
2. Licensee ~~or registrant~~ must undergo a new clinical diagnostic evaluation;
3. Licensee ~~or registrant~~ must test negative for at least one month of continuous drug testing before being allowed to resume practice;
4. Contract or agreement previously made with the Board shall be terminated; and
5. Licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall be referred for disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or other action determined appropriate by the Board.

Minor violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Failure to submit required documentation in a timely manner;
2. Unexcused ~~attendance~~ absence at required meetings;
3. Failure to contact a supervisor and/or monitor as required;
4. Any other violations that do not present an immediate threat to the licensee ~~or registrant~~ or to the public.

If a licensee ~~or registrant~~ commits a minor violation, the Board shall determine what action is appropriate. The consequences for a minor violation include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. ~~Removal from practice~~ Suspension;
2. Practice limitations;
3. Required supervision;
4. Increased documentation;
5. Issuance of citation and fine or a warning notice;
6. Required re-evaluation and/or testing.

Positive Test for Alcohol and/or a Controlled Substance

If a licensee ~~or registrant~~ tests positive for alcohol and/or a controlled substance, the Board shall do the following:

- Automatically suspend the license ~~or registration~~;

- Immediately contact the licensee ~~or registrant~~ and inform ~~him or her~~ them that ~~his or her~~ their license ~~or registration~~ has been suspended and ~~he or she may not practice~~ is prohibited until the suspension is lifted; and
- Immediately notify the licensee's ~~or registrant's~~ employer that the license ~~or registration~~ has been automatically suspended, and that ~~he or she~~ the licensee may not practice until the suspension is lifted.

The Board should do the following, as applicable, to determine whether a positive test for alcohol and/or a controlled substance is evidence of prohibited use:

- Consult the specimen collector and the laboratory;
- Communicate with the licensee ~~or registrant~~ and/or treating physician; and
- Communicate with any treatment provider, including a group facilitator.

The Board shall immediately lift the suspension if the positive drug test is not found to be evidence of prohibited use.

Drug Testing Standards

The drug testing standards below shall apply to each licensee ~~or registrant~~ subject to drug testing. At its discretion, the Board may use other testing methods in place of, or to supplement, drug and alcohol testing, if appropriate.

1. Drug testing may be required on any day, including weekends and holidays.
2. Except as directed, the scheduling of drug tests shall be done on a random basis, preferably by a computer program.
3. Licensees ~~or registrants~~ shall be required to make daily contact as directed to determine if drug testing is required.
4. Licensees ~~or registrants~~ shall be drug tested on the date of notification as directed by the Board.
5. Specimen collectors must either be certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the U.S. Department of Transportation.
6. Specimen collectors shall adhere to the current U.S. Department of Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.

7. Testing locations shall comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, regardless of the type of test administered.
8. Collection of specimens shall be observed.
9. Prior to vacation or absence, any alternative to the licensee's drug testing location(s)-requirements (including frequency) must be approved by the Board.
10. Laboratories shall be certified and accredited by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A collection site must submit a specimen to the laboratory within one (1) business day of receipt. A chain of custody shall be used on all specimens. The laboratory shall process results and provide legally defensible test results within seven (7) days of receipt of the specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative test results within one (1) business day and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.

Nothing herein shall limit the Board's authority to reduce or eliminate the standards specified herein pursuant to a petition for reinstatement or reduction of penalty filed pursuant to Government Code Section 11522 or statutes applicable to the Board that contain different provisions for reinstatement or reduction of penalty.

Drug Testing Frequency Schedule

The Board may order a licensee or registrant to drug test at any time. In addition, each licensee or registrant shall be tested randomly according to the following drug testing frequency schedule:

Level	Year of Probation	Minimum Range Number of Random Tests
I	Year 1	52-104 per year
II	Years 2 through 5	36-104 per year
III	After Year 5	Once per month*

*If no positive drug tests in the previous 5 consecutive years

The Board may increase the number of random tests required at its discretion. If the Board suspects or finds that a licensee or registrant has violated the prescribed testing program, or finds that a licensee or registrant has committed a major violation, it may re-establish the testing cycle by placing that licensee or registrant at the beginning of Level I. This is in addition to any other disciplinary action.

Drug Testing Frequency Schedule Exceptions

The Board may make exceptions to the prescribed drug testing frequency schedule for the following reasons:

1. Licensee ~~or registrant~~ Demonstrates Previous Testing and Sobriety

The licensee ~~or registrant~~ can demonstrate participation in a treatment or monitoring program which requires random testing, prior to being subject to testing by the Board. In such a case, the Board may give consideration to the previous testing by altering the testing frequency schedule so that it is equivalent ~~to the standard~~ to the schedule prescribed above.

2. Violations Outside of Employment

A licensee ~~or registrant~~ whose license ~~or registration~~ is placed on probation for a single conviction or incident, or two convictions or incidents, spanning greater than seven (7) years from each other, where alcohol or drug were a contributing factor, may bypass Level I and participate in Level II of the testing frequency schedule if the violations did not occur at work or on the way to or from work.

3. Not Employed in Health Care Field

The Board may reduce testing frequency to a minimum of twelve (12) times per year if the licensee ~~or registrant~~ is not practicing or working in any health care field. If reduced testing frequency is established for this reason, and the licensee ~~or registrant~~ returns to practice, the licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall notify and obtain approval from the Board. The licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall then be subject to Level I testing frequency for at least 60 days. If the licensee ~~or registrant~~ had not previously met the Level I frequency standard, the licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall be subject to completing a full year at Level I of the testing frequency schedule. If the licensee ~~or registrant~~ had previously met the Level I frequency standard, the licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall be subject to Level II testing after completing Level I testing for at least 60 days.

4. Tolling

The Board may postpone all testing for any person whose probation is placed in a tolling status if the overall length of the probationary period is also tolled. The licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall notify the Board upon ~~his or her~~ their return to ~~resumption of providing therapy to clients located practice in~~ California and shall be subject to testing as provided in the testing frequency standard. If the licensee ~~or registrant~~ returns to practice and has not previously met the Level I testing frequency standard, the licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall be subject to completing a full year at Level I of the testing frequency schedule. If the licensee ~~or registrant~~ has

previously met the Level I testing frequency standard, then Level II shall be in effect.

Tolling will not be postponed under either of the following circumstances: a positive test result is received, or the person's license has been suspended.

5. Substance Use Disorder Not Diagnosed

If a licensee ~~or registrant~~ is not diagnosed with a current substance use disorder, a lesser period of monitoring and ~~toxicology screening testing~~ may be adopted by the Board. This ~~period~~ frequency may not be less than 24 times per year.

6. Licensed Supervision During Practice

The Board may reduce testing frequency to a minimum of 24 times per year for any licensee who is a practicing licensee if the licensee receives a minimum of 50% supervision per day by a supervisor licensed by the Board.

Criteria to Petition to Return to Practice

In order to petition to return to full time practice, a licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall have demonstrated all of the following:

1. Sustained compliance with ~~his or her~~ the licensee's current recovery program;
2. The ability to practice safely as evidenced by current work site reports, evaluations, and any other information related to ~~his or her~~ the licensee's substance abuse;
3. Must have at least six (6) months of negative drug screening reports and two (2) positive supervisor reports; and
4. Complete compliance with the other terms and conditions of ~~his or her~~ the licensee's program.

Criteria to Petition for Reinstatement to Unrestricted License ~~or Registration~~

In order to petition for reinstatement to a full and unrestricted license ~~or registration~~, a licensee ~~or registrant~~ shall meet all of the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated sustained compliance with the terms of the disciplinary order (if applicable);
2. Demonstrated successful completion of a rehabilitation and monitoring program (if required);

3. Demonstration of a consistent and sustained participation in activities that promote and support ~~his or her~~ recovery, including, but not limited to, ongoing support meetings, therapy, counseling, relapse prevention plan, and community activities;
4. Demonstrated ability to practice safely; and
5. Continuous sobriety for at least three (3) to five (5) years.

II. Penalty Guidelines

The following is an attempt to provide information regarding violations of statutes and regulations under the jurisdiction of the Board of Behavioral Sciences and the appropriate range of penalties for each violation. Each penalty listed is followed in parenthesis by a number, which corresponds with a number under the chapter "Model Disciplinary Orders." Examples are given for illustrative purposes, but no attempt is made to catalog all possible violations.

Optional conditions listed are those the Board deems most appropriate for the particular violation; optional conditions not listed as potential minimum terms, should nonetheless be imposed where appropriate. Except as provided in the Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse, the Board recognizes that the penalties and conditions of probation listed are merely guidelines and that individual cases will necessitate variations which take into account unique circumstances.

If there are deviations or omissions from the guidelines in formulating a Proposed Decision, the Board requires that the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case include an explanation of the deviations or omissions, including all mitigating factors considered by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposed Decision so that the circumstances can be better understood by the Board during its review and consideration of the Proposed Decision.

<p align="center">Statutes and Regulations</p> <p>Business and Professions Code: (B&P) Title 16, California Code of Regulations: (CCR) General Provisions: (GP) Penal Code: (PC) Welfare and Institutions Code: (WI)</p>	<p align="center">Violation Category</p>	<p align="center">Minimum Penalty <u>Considerations</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Note: Individual terms listed are to be selected as warranted based on circumstances of the case</u></p>	<p align="center">Maximum Penalty</p>
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982.26(k) LCSW: B&P § 4992.33 LEP: B&P § 4989.58 LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(k) GP: B&P § 729</p>	<p>Engaging in Sexual Contact with Client / Former Client</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery. <p><u>The law requires revocation/denial of license.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery. <p>The law requires revocation/denial of license or registration.</p>
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(aa)(1) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(y)(1) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(y)(1) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(z)(1)</p>	<p>Engaging in Act wWith a Minor Punishable as a Sexually Related Crime Regardless of Whether the Act eOccurred pPrior to or aAfter rRegistration or lLicensure. O<u>R</u></p> <p>Engaging in act described in Section 261, 286, 287 288a, or 289 of the Penal code with a minor or an act described in Section 288 or 288.5 of the Penal Code regardless of whether the act occurred prior to or after the time the registration or license was issued by the Board.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery. <p>The Board considers this reprehensible offense to warrant revocation/denial.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery. <p>The Board considers this reprehensible offense to warrant revocation/denial.</p>

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(c), 4982.1 LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(c), 4992.35 LEP: <u>B&P §</u>; 4989.54(c) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(c) GP: B&P § 480, 820</p>	<p>Impaired Ability to Function Safely Due to Mental Illness or Physical Illness Affecting Competency or Chemical Dependency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days actual suspension and such additional time as may be necessary to obtain and review psychological or psychiatric evaluation and to implement any recommendations from that evaluation • 5 years probation; standard terms and conditions • Supervised practice • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs. <p><u>In addition:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MENTAL ILLNESS: Psychological/psychiatric evaluation; psychotherapy. • PHYSICAL ILLNESS: Physical evaluation; and if warranted: restricted practice • CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY Random drug and alcohol testing, psychological/psychiatric /clinical diagnostic evaluation; supervised practice; therapy; rehabilitation program; abstain from controlled substances/use of alcohol; and if warranted: restricted practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery.

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(c), 4982.1 LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(c), 4992.35 LEP: B&P § 4989.54(c), 4989.56 LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(c) GP: B&P § 480</p>	<p>Chemical Dependency for Use of Drugs <u>Controlled Substances or Alcohol</u> With Client While Performing Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60 120-180 days minimum actual suspension and such additional time as may be necessary to obtain and review psychological/psychiatric clinical diagnostic evaluation and to implement any recommendations from that evaluation • Random drug and alcohol <u>and controlled substances</u> testing • 5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Psychological/psychiatric/clinical diagnostic evaluation • Supervised practice • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Supervised practice • Education • Rehabilitation <u>and monitoring</u> program • Abstain from controlled substances/use of alcohol • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs • And if warranted, • pPsychotherapy; • rRestricted practice • <u>Attend recovery support program</u> • <u>Create and follow relapse prevention plan</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license of <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery.

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LMFT: B&P § 4982(i) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(j) CCR § 1881(d) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(m) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(i) GP: B&P § 480	Intentionally / Recklessly Causing Physical or Emotional Harm to Client	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60 90-120 days <u>actual</u> suspension • 5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Supervised practice • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Take and pass licensure examinations • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs • <u>And if warranted;</u> • pPsychological/psychiatric evaluation; • pPsychotherapy; • rRestricted practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> application • Cost recovery

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<p><u>LMFT</u>: B&P § 4982(d) <u>LCSW</u>: B&P § 4992.3(d) <u>and (e)</u> <u>CCR § 1881(m)</u> <u>LEP</u>: B&P § 4989.54(k) <u>LPCC</u>: B&P § 4999.90(d) <u>GP</u>: B&P § 480</p>	<p>Gross Negligence / Incompetence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days <u>actual</u> suspension; <u>5 years probation</u> • Standard terms and conditions; supervised practice • <u>5 years probation; standard terms and conditions</u> • <u>Supervised practice</u> • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Take and pass licensure examinations • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs; <p><u>And if warranted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>p</u>Psychological/psychiatric evaluation; • <u>p</u>Psychotherapy; • rRehabilitation and monitoring program; • AAttend recovery support program • CCreate and follow relapse prevention plan • aAbstain from controlled substances/use of alcohol, • sSubmit to drug and alcohol and controlled substances testing; • rRestricted practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery.

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982 CCR § 1845 LCSW: B&P § 4992.3 CCR § 1881 LEP: B&P § 4989.54 CCR § 1858 LPCC: B&P § 4999.90 <u>CCR § 1823</u> GP: B&P § 125.6, 480, 821</p>	<p>General Unprofessional Conduct</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days <u>actual</u> suspension • 3-5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Supervised practice • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • Cost recovery; • RReimbursement of probation program <u>costs</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> And if warranted: • pPsychological/psychiatric evaluation; • pPsychotherapy; • RRehabilitation <u>and monitoring</u> program; • <u>Attend recovery support program</u> • <u>Create and follow relapse prevention plan</u> • <u>Abstain from controlled substances/use of alcohol</u> • <u>Submit to drug and alcohol and controlled substances testing</u> • RRestricted practice- • abstain from controlled substances/use of alcohol, submit to drug and alcohol testing; • RRestricted practice- • law and ethics course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery.

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4980.40(e), 4982(a) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(a), 4996.2(d), 4996.18(b) LEP: B&P § 4989.20(a)(3), 4989.54(a) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(a) GP: B&P § 480, 490, 493</p>	<p>Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to Duties, Qualifications, and Functions of a Licensee / Registrant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60 days actual suspension • 5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Supervised practice • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs (Costs and conditions of probation depend on the nature of the criminal offense). <p><u>In addition:</u> CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE: Add: Psychological/psychiatric evaluation; psychotherapy; restitution; and if warranted: rehabilitation <u>and monitoring</u> program; restricted practice.</p> <p><u>DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:</u> Add: Random drug and alcohol <u>and controlled substances</u> testing, psychological, psychiatric, <u>or</u> clinical diagnostic evaluation; psychotherapy; supervised practice, <u>rehabilitation and monitoring</u> program; abstain from controlled substances/use of alcohol, and if warranted: <u>attend recovery support program; create and follow relapse prevention plan;</u> restricted practice.</p> <p>FISCAL AND PROPERTY CRIMES: Add: Restitution, and if warranted: psychotherapy; take and pass licensure exams; rehabilitation <u>and monitoring</u> program; restricted practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery.

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(j) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(k) CCR § 1881(e) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(g) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(j) GP: B&P § 480, 650, 810</p>	<p>Commission of Dishonest, Corrupt, or Fraudulent Act Substantially Related to Qualifications, Duties and Functions of License</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30-60 days <u>actual</u> suspension • 3-5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • Cost recovery • Law and ethics course • Reimbursement of probation program costs And if warranted: • pPsychological/psychiatric evaluation; • sSupervised practice; • pPsychotherapy; take and pass licensure exams; • rRestricted practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery.
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4980.02, 4982(l), 4982(s), 4982(t) CCR § 1845(a), 1845(b) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(m), 4996.9 CCR § 1881(g), 1881(h)(b) LEP: B&P § 4989.14, 4989.54(r) CCR § 1858(b) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(l), 4999.90(s) 4999.90(t) GP: B&P § 480</p>	<p>Performing, Representing <u>Able Ability</u> to Perform, Offering to Perform, Permitting Trainee or Intern to Perform Beyond Scope of License / Competence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30-60 days <u>actual</u> suspension • 3-5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs And if warranted: • pPsychological/psychiatric evaluation; • sSupervised practice; • pPsychotherapy; take and pass licensure exams; • rRestricted practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or registration • Cost recovery.

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982.25 LCSW: B&P § 4992.36 LEP: B&P § 4989.54(h), 4989.54(i) LPCC: B&P § 4990.38 GP: B&P § 141, 480</p>	<p>Discipline by Another State or Governmental Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the appropriate penalty by comparing the violation under the other state with California law. And if warranted: take and pass licensure examinations as a condition precedent to practice; reimbursement of probation program costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation / Denial of license or registration Cost recovery.
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(b) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(b), B&P § 4992.7 LEP: B&P § 4989.54(b) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90 (b) GP: B&P § 480, 498, 499</p>	<p>Securing or Attempting to Secure a License by Fraud</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation / Denial of license or registration application; Cost recovery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation / Denial of license or registration Cost recovery.
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4980, 4982(f) CCR § 1845(a), 1845(b) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(f)(g), 4996 CCR § 1881(a) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(l) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(f) GP: B&P § 480</p>	<p>Misrepresentation of License / Qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation stayed 60 days actual suspension 3-5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> Standard terms and conditions Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> <u>Law and ethics course</u> Cost recovery Reimbursement of probation program costs And if warranted: take and pass licensure examinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation / Denial of license or registration Cost recovery.
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(q), <u>4982(ab)</u> LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(r), <u>4992.3(z)</u> CCR § 1881(l) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(s), <u>4989.54(z)</u> LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(q), <u>4999.90(aa)</u> GP: B&P § 123, 480, 496</p>	<p>Violates Exam Security / Subversion of Licensing Exam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation stayed 5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> Standard terms and conditions Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> <u>Law and ethics course</u> Cost recovery Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation / Denial of license or registration Cost recovery

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LMFT: B&P § 4982(g) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(h), 4992.7 CCR § 1881(b)(a) LEP: CCR § 1858(a) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(g) GP: B&P § 119, 480	Impersonating Licensee / Allowing Impersonation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days <u>actual</u> suspension • 5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • <u>Supervised practice</u> • <u>Education pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Psychological/psychiatric evaluation • Psychotherapy • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery
LMFT: B&P § 4982(h) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(i) CCR § 1881(e) LEP: B&P § 4989.54 (t) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(h) GP: B&P § 125, 480	Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed / Unregistered Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30-90 days <u>actual</u> suspension • 3-5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • <u>Education pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs <p><u>And if warranted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s<u>Supervised practice</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery

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LMFT: B&P § 4982(m) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(n) CCR § 1881(i) LEP: B&P § 4989.54 (q) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(m) GP: B&P § 480	Failure to Maintain Confidentiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days actual suspension • 3-5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Take and pass licensure exams • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery
LMFT: B&P § 728 LCSW: B&P § 728 LPCC: B&P § 728 GP: B&P § 480	Failure to Provide Sexual Misconduct Brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 1-3 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery
LMFT: B&P § 4982(r), 4982(t), 4982(u) CCR § 1833.1, 1845(b) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(s) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(ab), CCR § 1858(b) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(r) 4999.90(t), 4999.90(u)	Improper Supervision of Trainee / Intern / Associate / Supervisee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30-90 days actual suspension • 2 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs <p><u>And if warranted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s<u>Supervised practice.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(e), 4982(u) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(f), 4992.3(s) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(f) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(e) 4999.90(u) GP: B&P § 480</p>	<p>Violations of the Chapter or Regulations by Licensees or registrants / Violations Involving Acquisition and Supervision of Required Hours of Experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • Registration on probation until exams are passed and license issued • License issued on probation for one year • Rejection of all illegally acquired hours • <u>3-5 years probation; sStandard terms and conditions</u> • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(o) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(p) CCR § 1881(n) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(p) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90 (o) GP: B&P § 650</p>	<p>Pay, Accept, Solicit Fee for Referrals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 3-5 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs • Law and Ethics course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license or <u>registration</u> • Cost recovery
<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(n) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(o) CCR § 1881(j) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(o) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90 (n)</p>	<p>Failure to Disclose Fees in Advance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 1 year probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program <u>costs</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30 days actual suspension • 2 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program <u>costs</u>

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LMFT: B&P § 4980.46, 4982(p) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(q) CCR § 1881(k) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(e) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(p) GP: B&P § 480, 651, 17500	False / Misleading / Deceptive / Improper Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 1 year probation; standard terms and conditions • Standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30-60 days actual suspension • 5 years probation; standard terms and conditions • Standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs
LMFT: B&P § 4982(v) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(t) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(j) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(v)	Failure to Keep Records Consistent with Sound Clinical Judgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 1 year probation; standard terms and conditions • Standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30 days actual suspension • 1-3 years probation; standard terms and conditions • Standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs
LMFT: B&P § 4982(y) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(w) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(x) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(ad)	Willful Violation Of Chapter 1 (Commencing With Section 123100) Of Part 1 Of Division 106 Of The Health And Safety Code (Client Access to Records)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 1 year probation; standard terms and conditions • Standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30 days actual suspension • 1-3 years probation; standard terms and conditions • Standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs

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<p>LMFT: B&P § 4982(z) LCSW: B&P § 4992.3(x) LEP: B&P § 4989.54(d) LPCC: B&P § 4999.90(ac)</p>	<p>Failure To Comply With Section 2290.5 (Telehealth)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 1 year probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery; • Reimbursement of probation program costs- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 30 days <u>actual</u> suspension • 1-3 years probation; <u>standard terms and conditions</u> • Standard terms and conditions • Education <u>pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs
<p>LMFT: <u>B&P §§ 865.1, 865.2</u> LCSW: <u>B&P §§ 865.1, 865.2</u> LEP: <u>B&P §§ 865.1, 865.2</u> LPCC: <u>B&P §§ 865.1, 865.2</u> GP: <u>B&P §§ 865.1, 865.2</u></p>	<p><u>Engaging in Sexual Orientation Change Efforts with a Patient Under Age 18</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Revocation stayed</u> • <u>90-120 days suspension</u> • <u>5 years probation; standard terms and conditions</u> • <u>Supervised practice</u> • <u>Education pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • <u>Cost recovery</u> • <u>Reimbursement of probation program costs</u> • <u>Psychological/psychiatric evaluation</u> • <u>Psychotherapy</u> • <u>Restricted practice</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Revocation / Denial of license</u> • <u>Cost recovery</u>

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LMFT: CCR § 1845(e) LCSW: CCR § 1881(g) LEP: CCR § 1858(c) LPCC: CCR § 1823 (a)	Failure to Provide Records to the Board Within 15 Days of Receipt of Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days suspension • 3-5 years probation; standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license • Cost recovery
LMFT: CCR § 1845(f) LCSW: CCR § 1881(r) LEP: CCR § 1858(d) LPCC: CCR § 1823(b)	Failure to Cooperate and Participate in a Pending Board Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days suspension • 3-5 years probation; standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license • Cost recovery
LMFT: CCR § 1845(g) LCSW: CCR § 1881(s) LEP: CCR § 1858(e) LPCC: CCR § 1823(c)	Failure to Report to the Board within 30 Days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Felony or Misdemeanor Conviction, or; • Any Disciplinary Action Taken by Another Licensing Entity or Government Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation stayed • 60-90 days suspension • 3-5 years probation; standard terms and conditions • Education pertaining to the violation • Law and ethics course • Cost recovery • Reimbursement of probation program costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation / Denial of license • Cost recovery

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<u>LMFT: CCR § 1845(i)</u> <u>LCSW: CCR § 1881(u)</u> <u>LEP: CCR § 1858(g)</u> <u>LPCC: CCR § 1823(e)</u>	<u>Failure to Comply with a Court Order Mandating Release of Records to the Board</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Revocation stayed</u> • <u>60-90 days suspension</u> • <u>3-5 years probation; standard terms and conditions</u> • <u>Education pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • <u>Cost recovery</u> • <u>Reimbursement of probation program costs</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Revocation / Denial of license</u> • <u>Cost recovery</u>
LMFT: CCR § 1845(h) LCSW: CCR § 1881(s) LEP: CCR § 1858(f) LPCC: CCR § 1823(d)	Failure to Provide the Board with Arrest Documentation within 30 Days of Request	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Revocation stayed</u> • <u>60-90 days suspension</u> • <u>3-5 years probation; standard terms and conditions</u> • <u>Education pertaining to the violation</u> • <u>Law and ethics course</u> • <u>Cost recovery</u> • <u>Reimbursement of probation program costs</u> 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Revocation / Denial of license or registration</u> • <u>Cost recovery</u>

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III. Model Disciplinary Orders

Model Disciplinary Orders are divided into two categories. The first category consists of **Optional Terms and Conditions of Probation** that may be appropriate as demonstrated in the Penalty Guidelines depending on the nature and circumstances of each particular case. The second category consists of the **Standard Terms and Conditions of Probation** which must appear in all Proposed Decisions and proposed stipulated agreements.

To enhance the clarity of a Proposed Decision or Stipulation, the Board requests that all optional conditions ([items 1 - 16](#)) that are being imposed be listed first in sequence followed immediately by all of the standard terms and conditions, which include cost recovery ([as specified under Standard Terms and Conditions of Probation items 17- 32](#)).

Optional Terms and Conditions of Probation

Depending on the nature and circumstances of the case, the optional terms and conditions of probation that may appear are as follows:

1. [Actual sSuspension](#)
2. [Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation](#)
- ~~2-3.~~ Psychological / Psychiatric [eE](#)valuation
- ~~3-4.~~ Psychotherapy
- ~~4.~~ [Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation](#)
5. Supervised Practice
6. Education [Pertaining to the Violation](#)
- ~~7.~~ [Take and Pass licensure examinations](#)
- ~~7.~~ [Attend Recovery Support Program](#)
8. [Relapse Prevention Plan](#)
- ~~8-9.~~ Rehabilitation [and Monitoring](#) Program
- ~~9-10.~~ Abstain from [Alcohol and](#) Controlled Substances/Submit to Random ~~Drug and~~ Alcohol [and](#) [Controlled Substances](#) Testing
- ~~10.~~ [Abstain from Use of Alcohol /Submit to Random Drug and Alcohol Testing](#)
11. Restricted Practice
12. Restitution
13. Physical Evaluation
14. Monitor Billing System
15. Monitor Billing System Audit
16. Law and Ethics Course

1. **Actual Suspension**

A. Commencing from the effective date of this ~~e~~D~~e~~cision, ~~r~~R~~e~~spondent shall be suspended from the practice of _____ for a period of ____ days.

OR

B. Commencing from the effective date of this ~~e~~D~~e~~cision, ~~r~~R~~e~~spondent shall be suspended from the practice of _____ for a period of ____ days, and such additional time as may be necessary to obtain and review the clinical diagnostic, psychological or psychiatric evaluation, and to implement any recommendations from that evaluation, ~~and to successfully complete the required licensure examinations as a condition precedent to resumption of practice as outlined in condition # ____ (Take and pass licensure examinations).~~

Respondent shall be responsible for informing ~~his or her~~ Respondent's employer of the Board's ~~e~~D~~e~~cision, and the reasons for the length of suspension. Respondent shall submit documentation and/or evidence demonstrating satisfactory compliance with this condition. Prior to the lifting of the actual suspension of the license, the Board shall receive pertinent documentation confirming that ~~r~~R~~e~~spondent is safe to return to practice under specific terms and conditions as determined by the Board.

2. Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation

Within 30 days of the effective date of this Decision and at any time upon order of the Board, Respondent shall undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation by a psychologist or psychiatrist an evaluator approved by the Board. The Board shall approve any evaluator who meets the following criteria:

1. Holds a valid, unrestricted California license which includes a scope of practice that allows a licensee to conduct a clinical diagnostic evaluation and is approved by the Board. A registration is not considered a license for purposes of qualifying as an evaluator.
2. Has three (3) years of experience in conducting evaluations of health professionals with substance use disorders.
3. Does not have a financial, personal, business, professional, or therapeutic relationship with the Respondent.

Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval a written request that includes the name and qualifications of one or more proposed psychologists/psychiatrists evaluators. The evaluator shall not have a financial, personal, business, professional, or therapeutic relationship with the Respondent.

The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and independent evaluation. The clinical diagnostic evaluation report shall set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, whether the licensee has a substance use disorder, whether the licensee is a threat to self or others, and recommendations for substance use disorder treatment, practice, restrictions, or other recommendations related to the licensee's rehabilitation and safe practice.

The cost of such evaluation shall be borne by Respondent. Failure to pay for the report timely constitutes a violation of probation. Respondent shall sign a Release of Information authorizing the evaluator to communicate with the Board. Respondent shall provide the evaluator with a copy of the Board's Decision prior to the clinical diagnostic evaluation being performed.

Any time Respondent is ordered to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation, Respondent's license shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of 30 days pending the results of the clinical diagnostic evaluation. During such time, Respondent shall submit to random alcohol and controlled substance testing at least two (2) times per week.

The evaluator shall submit a written clinical diagnostic evaluation report (and other information as the Board may require) to the Board or its designee within 10 days from the date the evaluation was completed unless an extension, not to exceed 30 days, is granted to the evaluator by the Board.

Respondent's license shall remain suspended until the Board determines that Respondent is able to safely practice and has had at least one month of negative alcohol and controlled substance test results. Respondent shall comply with any restrictions or recommendations made by the Board or its designee as a result of the clinical diagnostic evaluation.

If Respondent is determined to be unfit to practice safely, the Board shall issue a suspension, and upon notification by the Board, Respondent shall immediately cease practice as this shall constitute a violation of probation. The Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required until the Board or its designee has notified Respondent of its final decision in this matter. This period of suspension shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

2.3. Psychological / Psychiatric Evaluation

Within 90 days of the effective date of this ~~d~~Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, ~~r~~Respondent shall ~~complete~~ undergo a psychological or psychiatric evaluation by ~~such licensed psychologists or psychiatrists as are appointed~~ an evaluator approved by the Board. ~~The Board requires the appointment of evaluators who have appropriate knowledge, training, and experience in the area involved in the violation. The evaluator shall not have a financial, personal, business, professional, or therapeutic relationship with the licensee. The Board shall approve any evaluator who meets the following criteria:~~

1. Holds a valid, unrestricted psychologist license issued by the California Board of Psychology, or holds a valid, unrestricted license as a physician and surgeon issued by the Medical Board of California and is certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is approved by the Board.
2. Possesses knowledge, training, and experience in the area involved in the violation.
3. Does not have a financial, personal, business, professional, or therapeutic relationship with the Respondent.

Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval a written request that includes the name and qualifications of one or more proposed psychologists or psychiatrists. The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and independent evaluation. The cost of such evaluation shall be borne by rRespondent. Failure to pay for the report ~~in a~~ timely ~~fashion~~ constitutes a violation of probation.

~~Such~~ The evaluator shall furnish a written report (and other information as the Board may require) to the Board or its designee regarding rRespondent's judgment and ability to function ~~independently and safely as a counselor-licensuree and such other information as the Board may require~~. Respondent shall execute sign a Release of Information authorizing the evaluator to ~~release all information to~~ communicate with the Board. Respondent shall comply with the recommendations of the evaluator.

~~Note: If supervised practice is not part of the order, and the evaluator finds the need for supervised practice, then the following term shall be added to the disciplinary order. If a psychological or psychiatric evaluation indicates a need for supervised practice, (within 30 days of notification by the Board), rRespondent shall submit in writing to the Board or its designee within 30 days of notification by the Board, for its prior approval, the name and qualification of one or more proposed supervisors and a plan by each supervisor by which the rRespondent's practice will be supervised.~~

If rRespondent is determined to be unable unfit to practice ~~independently and~~ safely, upon notification, the Board shall issue a suspension and rRespondent shall immediately cease practice as this shall constitute a violation of probation and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required, until the Board or its designee has notified ~~the rRespondent of its final decision in the matter~~ determination that respondent may resume practice. This period of suspension shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

~~(FYI: The Board requires the appointment of evaluators who have appropriate knowledge, training, and experience in the area involved in the violation).~~

3.4. Psychotherapy

Respondent shall participate in ongoing psychotherapy with a California licensed mental health professional who has been approved by the Board. Within ~~45~~ 30 days of the effective date of this ~~d~~ Decision, rRespondent shall submit in writing to the Board or its designee for its prior approval the name and qualifications of ~~one or more a~~ therapists mental health professional of rRespondent's choice. The Board shall approve any mental health professional who meets the following criteria:

1. Holds a valid, unrestricted California license to practice psychotherapy.
2. Possesses knowledge, training, and experience in the area involved in the violation.
3. Does not have a financial, personal, business, professional, or therapeutic relationship with the Respondent.

4. Is not the Respondent's supervisor.

~~Such therapist~~ The mental health professional shall possess a valid, unrestricted California license to practice psychotherapy and shall have had no prior business, professional, therapeutic, or personal relationship with rRespondent, and shall not be the rRespondent's supervisor. The Board requires the appointment of a professional who has knowledge, training, and experience in the circumstances surrounding the violation. Counseling Psychotherapy shall be at least once a week unless otherwise determined by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall continue in such psychotherapy at the Board's discretion. Cost of such psychotherapy is to be borne by rRespondent.

~~Respondent may, after receiving the Board's written permission, receive therapy via videoconferencing if respondent's good faith attempts to secure face-to-face counseling are unsuccessful due to the unavailability of qualified mental health care professionals in the area. The Board may require that respondent provide written documentation of his or her good faith attempts to secure counseling via videoconferencing.~~

Respondent shall provide the therapist mental health professional with a copy of the Board's ~~d~~Decision no later than the first ~~counseling psychotherapy~~ session. Upon approval by the Board, rRespondent shall undergo and continue treatment until the Board or its designee determines that a reduction in frequency of psychotherapy sessions is warranted or that no further psychotherapy is necessary to ensure Respondent continues to safely practice.

Respondent shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the treating psychotherapist mental health professional submits quarterly written reports to the Board concerning rRespondent's fitness to practice, progress in treatment, and to provide such other information as may be required by the Board. Respondent shall execute sign a Release of Information authorizing the therapist to ~~divulge information to~~ communicate with the Board.

If the treating psychotherapist mental health professional finds that rRespondent cannot practice safely ~~or independently~~, the psychotherapist mental health professional shall notify the Board within ~~three (3)~~ one (1) working days. If Respondent is determined to be unfit to practice safely, uUpon notification by the Board or its designee, the Board shall issue a suspension and Rrespondent shall immediately cease practice as this shall constitute a violation of probation and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board or its designee that respondent may do so. Respondent shall not thereafter engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required until the Board or its designee has notified respondent that he/she may resume practice of its final decision in this matter. This period of suspension shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period. Respondent shall document compliance with this condition in the manner required by the Board.

~~(FYI: The Board requires that therapists have appropriate knowledge, training and experience in the area involved in the violation).~~

4. Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation

~~Within twenty (20) days of the effective date of the Decision and at any time upon order of the Board, Respondent shall undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation. Respondent shall~~

~~provide the evaluator with a copy of the Board's Decision prior to the clinical diagnostic evaluation being performed.~~

~~Any time the Respondent is ordered to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation, his or her license or registration shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of one month pending the results of a clinical diagnostic evaluation. During such time, the Respondent shall submit to random drug testing at least two (2) times per week.~~

~~Respondent shall cause the evaluator to submit to the Board a written clinical diagnostic evaluation report within ten (10) days from the date the evaluation was completed, unless an extension, not to exceed thirty (30) days, is granted to the evaluator by the Board. Cost of such evaluation shall be paid by the Respondent.~~

~~Respondent's license or registration shall remain suspended until the Board determines that he or she is able to safely practice either full-time or part-time and has had at least one month of negative drug test results. Respondent shall comply with any restrictions or recommendations made by the Board as a result of the clinical diagnostic evaluation.~~

5. Supervised Practice

Within 30 days of the effective date of this ~~e~~D~~e~~cision, ~~r~~R~~e~~spondent shall submit in writing to the Board or its designee, for its prior approval, the name and qualifications~~s~~ of one or more proposed supervisors and a plan for supervision by each supervisor. If a supervisor has not been approved within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall cease practice until a supervisor has been approved by the Board or its designee. The supervisor shall be a current possess a valid, unrestricted California licensed practitioner in respondent's field of practice, who as a mental health professional, be approved by the Board or its designee, and shall have been licensed for at least two years in California or in any other state.

The Board shall approve any supervisor who meets the following criteria:

1. Holds a valid, unrestricted California license to practice psychotherapy. A registration is not considered a license for purposes of qualifying as a supervisor.
2. Has practiced as a licensed mental health professional in California or any other state for at least two (2) years immediately preceding any supervision.
3. Has provided psychotherapy, or has provided direct clinical supervision of psychotherapy performed by marriage and family therapist trainees, associate marriage and family therapists, associate professional clinical counselors, or associate clinical social workers, for at least two (2) years within the five (5)-year period immediately preceding any supervision.
4. Possesses knowledge, training, and experience in the area involved in the violation.
5. Does not have a financial, personal, business, professional, or therapeutic relationship with the Respondent.
6. Is not the Respondent's clinical experience supervisor.

~~The supervisor shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee on a quarterly basis verifying that supervision has taken place as required and including an evaluation of rRespondent's performance. The supervisor shall be independent, with have no prior business, professional, therapeutic, or personal relationship with rRespondent, and shall not be Respondent's clinical experience supervisor.~~

~~If respondent is unable to secure a supervisor in his or her field of practice due to the unavailability of mental health care professionals in the area, then the Board may consider the following options for satisfying this probationary term:~~

- ~~(1) Permitting the respondent to receive supervision via videoconferencing; or,~~
- ~~(2) Permitting respondent to secure a supervisor not in the respondent's field of practice.~~

~~The forgoing options shall be considered and exhausted by the Board in the order listed above. The Board may require that respondent provide written documentation of his or her good faith attempts to secure face to face supervision, supervision via videoconferencing or to locate a mental health professional that is licensed in the respondent's field of practice.~~

Respondent shall ~~complete any required consent forms~~ sign a Release of Information authorizing the supervisor to communicate with the Board, and sign an agreement with the supervisor and the Board regarding ~~the Respondent's~~ and ~~the~~ supervisor's requirements and reporting responsibilities. Failure to file the required reports ~~in a timely fashion~~ shall be a violation of probation. Respondent shall give the supervisor access to rRespondent's fiscal and client records. Supervision obtained from a probation supervisor shall not be ~~used~~ accepted as experience gained toward licensure.

If the supervisor is no longer available, rRespondent shall notify the Board within ~~15~~ three (3) days and shall not practice until a new supervisor has been approved by the Board. If Respondent fails to submit and/or secure a new supervisor approved by the Board, this shall constitute a violation of probation. All costs of the supervision shall be borne by rRespondent. Supervision shall consist of at least one (1) hour per week in individual face to face meetings. ~~The supervisor shall not be the respondent's therapist.~~

[Optional - Respondent shall not practice until ~~he/she has notified by the Board that the Respondent's supervisor has been approved~~ received notification that the Board has approved respondent's supervisor.]

6. Education Pertaining to the Violation

Respondent shall take and successfully complete ~~the equivalency of _____ semester units~~ _____ hours of coursework in each of the following areas _____. All course-work shall be taken ~~at the graduate level at an accredited or approved educational institution that offers a qualifying degree for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, educational psychologist, or professional clinical counselor or~~ through a provider approved accepted by the Board. All courses shall be approved by the Board. ~~Classroom attendance must be specifically required.~~ Course content shall be pertinent to the violation and all course-work must be completed within ~~one year~~ 18 months (or the time frame approved by

the Board or its designee) from the effective date of this Decision.

Within 90 days of the effective date of ~~the this d~~Decision, ~~r~~Respondent shall submit a plan in writing for prior Board approval for meeting these educational requirements. All costs of the course-work shall be paid by ~~the r~~Respondent. Units obtained for an approved course shall not be used for continuing education units required for renewal of licensure.

~~(FYI: This term is appropriate when the violation is related to record keeping, which includes but is not limited to: recordkeeping, documentation, treatment planning, progress notes, security of records, billing and reporting requirements.)~~

7. Take and Pass Licensure Examinations

~~Respondent shall take and pass the licensure exam(s) currently required of new applicants for the license possessed by respondent. Respondent shall not practice until such time as respondent has taken and passed these examinations. Respondent shall pay the established examination fees. If respondent has not taken and passed the examination within twelve months from the effective date of this decision, respondent shall be considered to be in violation of probation.~~

7. Attend Recovery Support Program

Respondent shall attend a recovery support program approved by the Board no less than _____ times per week. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance at said program with each quarterly report that Respondent submits during the period of probation. Failure to attend, or to show proof of such attendance, shall constitute a violation of probation.

8. Relapse Prevention Plan

Within fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit in writing to the Board or its designee a relapse prevention plan. A relapse prevention plan means a written document prepared by Respondent or an authorized mental health professional on behalf of Respondent that outlines the steps Respondent will take to avoid relapse, and the measures to be taken if relapse does occur. The plan shall be relevant to the violation and to Respondent's current status in recovery or rehabilitation. The plan shall provide a specific course of action for responding to triggers, cravings, and early warning signs as identified by Respondent.

8.9. Rehabilitation and Monitoring Program

Within fifteen (15) days from the effective date of the ~~d~~Decision, ~~r~~Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name of one or more rehabilitation and monitoring program(s). Respondent shall ~~enter~~ attend a rehabilitation and monitoring program within fifteen (15) days after notification of the ~~b~~Board's approval of such program.

Respondent shall successfully complete such treatment contract ~~as may be~~ recommended

by the program and approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board or its designee of compliance with this term of probation. Respondent shall sign a release allowing the program to ~~release to~~ communicate with the Board all information the Board deems relevant. ~~The r~~Respondent shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the ~~rehabilitation~~ program submits quarterly written reports to the Board addressing the ~~r~~Respondent's treatment and progress in the program.

Components of the treatment contract shall be relevant to the violation and to ~~the~~ ~~r~~Respondent's current status in recovery or rehabilitation. The components may include, but are not limited to: restrictions on practice and work setting, random ~~drug and~~ alcohol and controlled substance testing, abstention from ~~drugs~~ controlled substances and alcohol, use of worksite monitors, participation in chemical dependency rehabilitation programs or groups, psychotherapy, counseling, psychiatric evaluations, and other appropriate rehabilitation or monitoring programs components. All costs of participating in the program(s) shall be borne by the ~~r~~Respondent.

9-10. Abstain from Alcohol and Controlled Substances / Submit to Drug and Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing

Respondent shall completely abstain from the use or possession of alcohol and controlled or illegal substances during the period of probation unless lawfully prescribed by a medical practitioner for a bona-fide illness.

Respondent shall immediately submit to random and directed ~~drug and~~ alcohol and controlled substances testing, at ~~r~~Respondent's cost, upon request by the Board or its designee. ~~The~~ Respondent shall be subject to a minimum number of random tests per year for the duration of the probationary term, as prescribed in the Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse listed herein. There will be no confidentiality in test results. Any confirmed positive finding will be immediately reported to ~~the~~ Respondent, ~~the~~ Respondent's current employer, and ~~the~~ Respondent's supervisor, if any, and shall be a violation of probation.

~~If the Respondent tests positive for a controlled substance, Respondent's license or registration shall be automatically suspended.~~ Respondent shall make daily contact as directed by the Board to determine if ~~he or she~~ Respondent must submit to ~~drug~~ testing. Respondent shall ~~submit his or her take the~~ drug test on the same day that ~~he or she is notified that a test is required a~~ required test notification is received. All alternative ~~drug~~ testing sites due to vacation or travel outside of California must be approved by the Board prior to the vacation or travel.

If Respondent tests positive for a controlled substance or alcohol, Respondent's license shall be automatically suspended.

10. Abstain from Use of Alcohol / Submit to Drug and Alcohol Testing

~~Respondent shall completely abstain from the intake of alcohol during the period of probation.~~

~~Respondent shall immediately submit to random and directed drug and alcohol testing, at respondent's cost, upon request by the Board or its designee. The Respondent shall be~~

~~subject to a minimum number of random tests per year for the duration of the probationary term, as prescribed in the Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse listed herein. There will be no confidentiality in test results. Any confirmed positive finding will be immediately reported to the Respondent, the Respondent's current employer, and to the supervisor, if any, and shall be a violation of probation.~~

~~If the Respondent tests positive for alcohol and/or a controlled substance, Respondent's license or registration shall be automatically suspended. Respondent shall make daily contact as directed by the Board to determine if he or she must submit to drug testing. Respondent shall submit his or her drug test on the same day that he or she is notified that a test is required. All alternative drug testing sites due to vacation or travel outside of California must be approved by the Board prior to the vacation or travel.~~

11. Restricted Practice

Respondent's practice shall be limited to _____. Within 30 days from the effective date of the ~~d~~Decision, ~~r~~Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, a plan to implement this restriction. Respondent shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board or its designee of compliance with this term of probation. Respondent shall notify their supervisor of the restrictions imposed on their practice.

12. Restitution

Within 90 days of the effective date of this ~~d~~Decision, ~~r~~Respondent shall provide proof to the Board or its designee of restitution in the amount of \$_____ paid to _____.

13. Physical Evaluation

Within 90 days of the effective date of this ~~d~~Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, ~~r~~Respondent shall complete a physical evaluation by such licensed physicians ~~as are~~ appointed by the Board. The cost of such evaluation shall be borne by ~~r~~Respondent. Failure to pay for the report ~~in a~~ timely ~~fashion~~ constitutes a violation of probation.

Such physician shall furnish a written report to the Board or its designee regarding ~~r~~Respondent's judgment and ability to function ~~independently and~~ safely ~~as a therapist~~ and such other information as the Board may require. Respondent shall ~~execute~~ sign a Release of Information authorizing the physician to ~~release all information to~~ communicate with the Board. Respondent shall comply with the recommendations of the physician.

If a physical evaluation indicates a need for medical treatment, within 30 days of notification by the Board, ~~r~~Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee the name and qualifications of the medical provider, and a treatment plan prepared by the medical provider by which the ~~r~~Respondent's physical treatment will be provided.

If ~~the~~ Respondent is determined to be ~~unable-unfit~~ to practice ~~independently and~~ safely, upon notification ~~by the Board or its designee, the Board shall issue a suspension and~~ Respondent shall immediately cease practice ~~as this shall constitute a violation of probation and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board or its designee.~~ Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required, until the Board or its designee has notified ~~the~~ Respondent of its ~~final decision in this matter~~ determination that respondent may resume practice. ~~This period of suspension shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.~~

14. Monitor Billing System

Within fifteen (15) days from the effective date of ~~the~~ ~~this~~ Decision, Respondent shall submit ~~in writing~~ to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name of one or more independent billing systems which monitor and document the dates and times of client visits. Respondent shall obtain the services of the independent billing system monitoring program within fifteen (15) days after notification of the ~~B~~board's approval of such program. ~~–~~ Clients are to sign documentation stating the dates and time of services rendered by Respondent and no bills are to be issued unless there is a corresponding document signed by the client in support thereof. The billing system service shall submit quarterly written reports concerning Respondent's cooperation with this system. The cost of the service shall be borne by Respondent. ~~Failure to pay for the monitoring timely shall constitute a violation of probation.~~

15. Monitor Billing System Audit

Within 60 days of the effective date of this ~~d~~Decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board or its designee ~~in writing~~ the names and qualifications of three ~~billing system~~ auditors. The Board or its designee shall select one of the three auditors to annually audit Respondent's billings for compliance with the Billing System condition of probation. During said audit, randomly selected client billing records shall be reviewed in accordance with accepted auditing/accounting standards and practices. The cost of the audits shall be borne by Respondent. Failure to pay for the audits ~~in a~~ timely ~~fashion~~ shall constitute a violation of probation.

16. Law and Ethics Course

Respondent shall take and successfully complete ~~the equivalency of two semester units~~ ~~hours of coursework~~ in law and ethics. Course-work shall be taken ~~at the graduate level at an accredited or approved educational institution that offers a qualifying degree for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, educational psychologist, professional clinical counselor as defined in Sections 4980.40, 4996.18, 4999.32 or 4999.33 of the Business and Professions Codes and Section 1854 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations or through a~~ ~~provider and~~ course(s) approved by the Board. ~~Classroom attendance must be specifically required.~~ Within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit a plan ~~in writing~~ for prior Board approval for meeting this

educational requirement. Said course must be taken and completed within ~~one year~~ 18 months (or the time frame approved by the Board or its designee) from the effective date of this Decision. The costs associated with the law and ethics course shall be paid by ~~the~~ Respondent. Units obtained for an approved course in law and ethics shall not be used for continuing education units required for renewal of licensure.

~~(FYI: This term is appropriate when the licensee fails to keep informed about or comprehend the legal obligations and/or ethical responsibilities applicable to their actions. Examples include violations involving boundary issues, transference/countertransference, breach of confidentiality and reporting requirements.)~~

Standard Terms and Conditions of Probation

The ~~sixteen~~ fifteen standard terms and conditions ~~generally~~ appearing in every probation case are as follows:

17. Obey All Laws
18. File Quarterly Reports
19. Comply with Probation Program
20. Interviews with the Board
21. Failure to Practice - Tolling
22. Change of Place of Employment or Place of Residence
23. Supervision of Unlicensed Persons
24. Notification to Clients
25. Notification to Employer
26. Violation of Probation
27. Maintain Valid License
28. License Surrender
29. Instruction of Coursework Qualifying for Continuing Education
- ~~30.~~ Notification to Referral Services
- ~~304.~~ Reimbursement of Probation Program
- ~~312.~~ Cost Recovery

Specific Language for Standard Terms and Conditions of Probation

(To be included in all Decisions)

17. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all statutes and regulations governing the licensee, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by the ~~r~~Respondent to the Board or its designee in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this term, ~~r~~Respondent shall submit fingerprints through the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation within 30 days of the effective date of the ~~d~~Decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process and are currently on file with the Board. Respondent shall pay the cost associated with the fingerprint process.

18. File Quarterly Reports

Respondent shall submit quarterly reports, to the Board or its designee, ~~as scheduled on the "Quarterly Report Form" (rev. 01/12/01)~~. Respondent shall state under penalty of perjury whether ~~he/she~~Respondent has been in compliance with all the conditions of probation. Notwithstanding any provision for tolling of requirements of probation, during the cessation of practice ~~r~~Respondent shall continue to submit quarterly reports under penalty of perjury.

19. Comply with Probation Program

Respondent shall comply with the probation program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of ~~the~~ Respondent's compliance with the program.

20. Interviews with the Board

Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

21. Failure to Practice - Tolling

In the event Respondent stops practicing providing therapy to clients in California, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of non-practice and return to practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding ~~thirty~~ 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 4980.02, 4989.14, 4996.9, or 4999.20 of the Business and Professions Code. Any period of non-practice, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term and will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; File Quarterly Reports; Comply With Probation Program; Maintain Valid License/Registration; and Cost Recovery. ~~Respondent's license/registration shall be automatically cancelled if respondent's period of non-practice total two years. Absent good cause, as approved by the Board, the failure to practice for a total of two (2) years shall be a violation of probation. Respondent may not request to have probation tolled if their license has been suspended by the Board.~~

22. Change of Place of Employment, Email Address or Place of Residence

Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 30 days of any change of place of employment, ~~or~~ place of residence, or email address. The written notice shall include the address, the telephone number, the email address and the date of the change.

23. Supervision of Unlicensed Persons

While on probation, Respondent shall not act as a supervisor for any hours of supervised practice required for any license issued by the Board. Respondent shall terminate any such supervisory relationship in existence on the effective date of this Decision.

24. Notification to Clients

Respondent shall notify all clients when any term or condition of probation will affect their therapy or the confidentiality of their records, including but not limited to supervised practice, suspension, or client population restriction. Such notification shall be signed by each client prior to continuing or commencing treatment. Respondent shall submit, upon request by the Board or its designee, satisfactory evidence of compliance with this term of probation.

~~(FYI: Respondents should seek guidance from Board staff regarding appropriate application of this condition).~~

25. Notification to Employer

Respondent shall provide each of ~~his or her~~ Respondent's current or future employers, including contractors, when performing services that fall within the scope of practice of ~~his or her~~ Respondent's license, a copy of this Decision and the Statement of Issues or Accusation before commencing employment. Notification to ~~the~~ Respondent's current employer shall occur no later than the effective date of ~~the~~ this Decision or immediately upon commencing employment. Respondent shall submit, upon request by the Board or its designee, satisfactory evidence of compliance with this term of probation.

~~The~~ Respondent shall provide in writing to the Board the names, physical addresses, and telephone numbers of all employers, supervisors, and contractors.

Respondent shall complete the required consent forms and sign an agreement with the employer and supervisor, or contractor, and the Board to allow the Board to communicate with the employer and supervisor or contractor regarding the ~~licensee or registrant's~~ Respondent's work status, performance, and monitoring.

26. Violation of Probation

If Respondent violates the conditions of ~~his/her~~ probation, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may seek to set aside the stay order and impose the discipline (revocation/suspension) of Respondent's license [or registration] provided in the ~~d~~Decision by filing an accusation, petition to revoke probation, or statement of issues.

If during the period of probation, an accusation, petition to revoke probation, or statement of issues has been filed against Respondent's license [or registration] or application for licensure, or ~~the if the Board has requested the~~ Attorney General's office has been requested to prepare such an accusation, petition to revoke probation, or statement of issues, the probation period set forth in this ~~d~~Decision shall be automatically extended and shall not expire until the accusation, petition to revoke probation, or statement of issues has been acted upon by the Board. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license [or registration] shall be fully restored.

27. Maintain Valid License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain a current and active license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Should ~~Respondent's~~ license, by operation of law or otherwise, expire, upon renewal ~~Respondent's~~ license shall be subject to any and all terms of this probation not previously satisfied.

28. License Surrender

Following the effective date of this ~~d~~Decision, if ~~Respondent~~ ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons, or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, ~~Respondent~~ may voluntarily request the voluntary surrender of ~~his/her Respondent's~~ license to the Board. Such a request shall be submitted in writing to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate ~~the~~ ~~Respondent's~~ request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances.

Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, ~~Respondent~~ shall within 30 calendar days deliver ~~Respondent's license and renewal~~ certificate, and if applicable wall certificate, to the Board or its designee and ~~Respondent~~ shall no longer engage in any practice for which a license is required. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, ~~Respondent~~ will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

Voluntary surrender of ~~Respondent's~~ license shall be considered to be a disciplinary action and shall become a part of ~~Respondent's~~ license history with the Board. Respondent may not petition the Board for reinstatement of the surrendered license. Should ~~Respondent~~ at any time after voluntary surrender ever reapply to the Board for licensure, ~~Respondent~~ must meet all current requirements for licensure including, but not limited to, filing a current application, meeting all current educational and experience requirements, and taking and passing any and all examinations required of new applicants.

29. Instruction of Coursework Qualifying for Continuing Education

Respondent shall not be an instructor of any coursework for continuing education credit required by any license issued by the Board.

30. Notification to Referral Services

~~Respondent shall immediately send a copy of this decision to all referral services registered with the Board in which respondent is a participant. While on probation, respondent shall send a copy of this decision to all referral services registered with the Board that respondent seeks to join.~~

31. Reimbursement of Probation Program

Respondent shall reimburse the Board for the costs it incurs in monitoring the probation to ensure compliance for the duration of the probation period. Reimbursement costs shall be ~~_____~~ \$100 per month, for a total of \$1,200 per year.

32. Cost Recovery

Respondent shall pay the Board \$_____ ~~as and~~ for the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of Case No. _____. ~~Respondent shall make such payments as follows: [Outline payment schedule.] Respondent shall make payments pursuant to a payment plan specified by the Board.~~ Respondent shall make the check or money order payable to the Board of Behavioral Sciences and shall indicate on the check or money order ~~that it is~~ the following: cost recovery payment for "Cost Recovery: Case No. _____". In lieu of a check or money order, Respondent may make an electronic payment via the Breeze online system. Any order for payment of cost recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate until full payment has been made. Should any part of cost recovery not be paid in accordance with the ~~outlined specified~~ payment schedule, ~~Respondent~~ shall be considered to be in violation of probation. A period of non-practice by ~~Respondent~~ shall not relieve ~~Respondent of his or her Respondent's~~ obligation to reimburse the ~~B~~board for its costs.

Cost recovery must be completed ~~six months~~ 180 days prior to the termination of probation. A payment plan authorized by the Board may be extended at the discretion of the Enforcement Manager based on good cause shown by the probationer.

IV. BOARD POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Accusations

The Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) has the authority pursuant to Section 125.3 of the Business and Professions Code ([B&P Code](#)) to recover costs of investigation and prosecution of its cases. The Board requests that this fact be included in the pleading and made part of the [Accusation](#).

Statement of Issues

The Board will file a Statement of Issues to deny an application of a candidate for the commission of an act, which if committed by a licensee would be cause for license discipline.

Stipulated Settlements

The Board will consider entering into stipulated settlements to promote cost effective consumer protection and to expedite disciplinary decisions. ~~The r~~ Respondent should be informed that in order to stipulate to settlement with the Board, ~~he or she~~ [Respondent](#) may be required to admit to the violations set forth in the Accusation [or Statement of Issues](#). The Deputy Attorney General must accompany all proposed stipulations submitted with a memo addressed to Board members explaining the background of the case, defining the allegations, mitigating circumstances, admissions, and proposed penalty along with a recommendation.

Recommended Language for License Surrenders

"Admission(s) made in the stipulation are made solely for the purpose of resolving the charges in the pending [Accusation](#), and may not be used in any other legal proceedings, actions or forms, except as provided in the stipulation.

The admissions made in this stipulation shall have no legal effect in whole or in part if the Board does not adopt the stipulation as its [Decision](#) and [Order](#).

[Contingency](#)

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This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Behavioral Sciences may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or [his/her Respondent's](#) counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees ~~that he/she may to~~ not withdraw [his/her the](#) agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in

any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

Order

~~Respondent fully understands that when the Board adopts the license surrender of respondent's license, respondent will no longer be permitted to practice as a _____ in California. Respondent further understands that the license surrender, upon adoption, shall be considered to be a disciplinary action and shall become a part of respondent 's license history with the Board.~~

~~The respondent further agrees that with the adoption by the Board of his or her license surrender, respondent may not petition the Board for reinstatement of the surrendered license.~~

~~Respondent may reapply to the Board for licensure three years from the date of surrender and must meet all current requirements for licensure including, but not limited, to filing a current application, meeting all current educational and experience requirements, and taking and passing any and all examinations required of new applicants.~~

~~Respondent understands that should he or she ever reapply for licensure as a _____ or should he or she ever apply for any other registration or licensure issued by the Board, or by the Board of Psychology, all of the charges contained in Accusation No. _____ shall be deemed admitted for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or other proceeding seeking to deny such application or reapplication."~~

1. The surrender of Respondent's (insert license type) license to the Board, and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a (insert license type) in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board Respondent's current renewal certificate, and wall license if applicable, on or before the effective date of this Decision and Order.
4. Respondent further agrees that with the adoption by the Board of Respondent's license surrender, Respondent may not petition the Board for reinstatement of the surrendered license.
5. Respondent may reapply to the Board for licensure three (3) years from the effective date of surrender and must meet all current requirements for licensure including, but not limited, to filing a current application, meeting all current educational and experience requirements, and taking and passing any and all examinations required of new applicants.
6. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$2,440.00 prior to the issuance of a new registration or license.

7. If Respondent should ever reapply for a new license, registration or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license or registration issued by the Board, or any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges contained in Accusation No. (insert case no.) shall be deemed admitted for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or other proceeding seeking to deny such application or reapplication.

Recommended Probation Language for Applicants for Registration~~Applicants~~

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent _____ be issued a Rregistration as a _____ upon successful completion of all registration requirements. Said Rregistration shall be revoked. The revocation will be stayed and Respondent placed on _____ years probation with the following terms and conditions. Probation shall continue on the same terms and conditions if Respondent is ~~granted~~ a subsequent registration, ~~becomes~~ licensed, or is granted another registration or license regulated by the Board during the probationary period.

For purposes of this Order, and consistent with Business and Professions Code sections 23.7 and 23.8, all references to the word “license” or “licensee” contained in any term or condition shall also be interpreted as meaning “registration” or “registrant,” respectively.

Recommended Probation Language for Registrants

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT _____ Registration Number _____ issued to Respondent _____ is revoked. The revocation will be stayed and Rrespondent placed on _____ years probation with the following terms and conditions. Probation shall continue on the same terms and conditions if Respondent is granted a subsequent registration, becomes licensed, or is granted another registration or license regulated by the Board during the probationary period.

For purposes of this Order, and consistent with Business and Professions Code sections 23.7 and 23.8, all references to the word “license” or “licensee” contained in any term or condition shall also be interpreted as meaning “registration” or “registrant,” respectively.

Recommended Probation Language for Licensees

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT _____ License Number _____ issued to Respondent _____ is revoked. The revocation will be stayed and Rrespondent placed on _____ years probation with the following terms and conditions. Probation shall continue on the same terms and conditions if Rrespondent is granted another registration or license regulated by the Board.

Recommended Language for License Revocation

1. The revocation of Respondent’s (insert license type) license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become part of Respondent’s license history with the Board of Behavioral

Sciences.

2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a (insert license type) in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board Respondent's current renewal certificate, and wall license if applicable, on or before the effective date of this Decision and Order.
4. Respondent may not petition the Board for reinstatement of the license with the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of this Decision and Order.
5. Respondent understands that if Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in the Accusation No. (insert Accusation number) shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
6. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$ _____ prior to the issuance of a new or reinstated license or registration.
7. If Respondent should ever reapply for a new license, registration or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license or registration issued by the Board, or any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges contained in Accusation No. (insert Accusation number) shall be deemed true correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

Proposed Decisions

The Board requests that proposed decisions include the following if applicable:

- A. Names and addresses of all parties to the action.
- B. Specific Code section violated with the definition of the Code in the Determination of Issues.
- C. Clear description of the acts or omissions that constitute a violation.
- D. Respondent's explanation of the violation in the Findings of Fact if ~~he or she~~ Respondent is present at the hearing.
- E. Explanation for deviation from the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines.

When a probation order is imposed, the Board requests that the Order first list the Optional Terms and Conditions (1-167) followed by the Standard Terms and Conditions (178-32) as they may pertain to the particular case. If ~~the r~~Respondent fails to appear for ~~his or her~~ their scheduled hearing or does not submit a notice of defense, such inaction shall result in a Default Decision to revoke licensure or deny application.

Reinstatement / Reduction of Penalty Hearings

The primary concerns of the Board at reinstatement or penalty relief hearings are (1) the Rehabilitation Criteria for Suspensions or Revocations identified in Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1814, and (2) the evidence presented by the petitioner of ~~his or her~~ rehabilitation. The Board is not interested in retrying the original revocation or probation case. The Board shall consider the criteria outlined in Section 1814.

In the Petition Decision the Board requires a summary of the offense and the specific codes violated which resulted in the revocation, surrender, or probation of the license.

In petitioning for Reinstatement or Reduction of Penalty under Business and Professions Code Section ~~4982.24990.30~~, the petitioner has the burden of demonstrating that ~~he or she~~ the petitioner has the necessary and current qualifications and skills to safely engage in the practice of marriage and family therapy, clinical social work, educational psychology, or professional clinical ~~counselor~~ counseling within the scope of current law, and accepted standards of practice. In reaching its determination, the Board considers various factors including the following:

- A. The original violations for which action was taken against the petitioner's license;
- B. Prior disciplinary and criminal actions taken against the petitioner by the Board, any State, local, or Federal agency or court;
- ~~C. The petitioner's attitude toward his or her commission of the original violations and his or her attitude in regard to compliance with legal sanctions and rehabilitative efforts;~~
- D. The petitioner's documented rehabilitative efforts;
- E. Assessment of the petitioner's rehabilitative and corrective efforts;
- ~~F. All activities of the petitioner since the disciplinary action was taken;~~
- ~~G. The petitioner's activities during the time petitioner's license was in good standing;~~
- H. In addition, the Board may consider other appropriate and relevant matters not reflected above.

If the Board should deny a request for reinstatement of a revoked license or reduction of penalty (modification or termination of probation), the Board requests the Administrative Law Judge provide technical assistance in the formulation of language clearly setting forth the reasons for denial.

If a petitioner fails to appear for ~~his or her~~ their scheduled reinstatement or penalty relief hearing, such proceeding shall go forth without the petitioner's presence and the Board will issue a decision based on the written evidence and oral presentations submitted.