

**BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, AND  
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING  
PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL MEETING MINUTES  
TELECONFERENCE CALL**

**MEET ME NUMBER: 1 (888) 585-9008  
PARTICIPATION CODE: 123-475-828#  
June 18, 2021  
10:00 A.M. EST**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 10:08 a.m. EST by Dr. William Day, Chairperson.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by Ashleigh Irving. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

**BOARD COUNSEL:**

Timothy Frizzell, Esq. – Assistant  
Attorney General & Board Counsel

**PROSECUTION SERVICES:**

Christina Shideler, Esq., Asst General  
Counsel  
Chase Den Beste, Esq., Asst. General  
Counsel  
Caitlin Harden, Esq. Asst., General Counsel

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William Day, PhD, Chairperson  
Sandra Barlow, PhD, Panel Member

**BOARD STAFF:**

Ashleigh Irving, Program Operations  
Administrator

**COURT REPORTER:**

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**II. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

There were no remarks.

**III. OPENING REMARKS BY BOARD COUNSEL**

Mr. Frizzell introduced himself and asked that all questions concerning procedures, authority, duty, Practice Act, Rules and Florida Statutes be directed to him. He then stated that all questions concerning the facts of the case, the matter in which it was investigated and the reasons for the Department's recommendation be directed to the Department's attorney. Mr. Frizzell asked the panel the following questions and received the responses listed below:

Did you receive all materials for today's meeting in advance of the meeting?

Dr. Barlow: Yes.



Dr. Day: Yes.

Did you have enough time to thoroughly review the materials and familiarize yourself with the information presented within the material?

Dr. Barlow: Yes.

Dr. Day: Yes.

Were there any problems with the materials received such as missing pages, illegible copies or any other issues that should be taken up at this time?

Dr. Barlow: No.

Dr. Day: No.

Are you aware of any reason that would disqualify you from making a decision on the cases scheduled today?

Dr. Barlow: No.

Dr. Day: No.

Mr. Frizzell reminded the panel that they were not there to determine the guilt or innocence of the person who is the subject of each case, but to decide if the facts of the record disclosed constitute probable cause for the Department to proceed with formal charges by way of an Administrative Complaint. He then asked the Department's Attorney to list all materials provided for the meeting today.

#### **IV. OPENING REMARKS BY THE AGENCY'S ATTORNEY**

Ms. Shideler introduced herself and stated that all members have been provided with a memorandum from the Department attorney addressing the requested action, a draft closing order regarding the Administrative Complaint, a copy of the original Administrative Complaint, and any other materials from the file deemed appropriate by the attorneys that supports the requested action. Additionally, any materials received submitted by the licensee or counsel were enclosed.

#### **V. RECONSIDERATIONS**

**i. Debbie R. Cherry, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Case No. 2019-16669**

Chase Den Beste presented the case to the panel. This included alleged violations of section 491.009(1)(w), Florida Statutes through violating 491.012(1)(b), F.S. which provides that it is unlawful for any person to use the title marriage and family therapist, unless she or he holds a valid, active license as a marriage and family therapist issued pursuant to Chapter 491.

Ms. Cherry's LMFT license issued pursuant to Chapter 491 went inactive on or about March 30, 2019. On September 15, 2020, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint alleging that on or about June 7, 2019, Ms. Cherry advertised herself as a Marriage and Family Therapist on Facebook, in violation of section 491.012(1)(b), F.S. "Marriage Therapist" is not listed in section 491.012(1)(b), F.S. as an exclusive title for an LMFT. Thus Ms. Cherry cannot be considered in violation of the Florida



Statutes for listing herself as a marriage therapist. Ms. Cherry holds a license in the state of Texas.

Motion: by Dr. Barlow to dismiss the complaint.  
Second: by Dr. Day.  
Vote: unanimous.

ii. **Amber N. Nangle, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Case No. 2018-07518**

Chase Den Beste presented the case before the board. This included alleged violations of section 490.009(1)(r), Florida Statutes, by failing to meet the minimum standards of performance in professional activities when measured against generally prevailing peer performance, including the undertaking of activities for when the licensee is not qualified by training or experience.

The Department previously filed an Administrative Complaint in this matter after an expert review of the investigative materials revealed that Ms. Nangle fell below the minimum standards of performance as a LMHC. After the Department filed its Administrative Complaint, Ms. Nangle provided an expert opinion (a second expert opinion) related to the facts of this case. After reviewing the Second Expert Opinion, the Department recommends this case be closed.

Motion: by Dr. Barlow to dismiss complaint.  
Second: by Dr. Day.  
Vote: unanimous.

iii. **Svetlанда Sokol, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Case No. 2018-02698**

Chase Den Beste presented the case before the board. This included alleged violations of section 491.3009(1)(k), F.S. (2016), by committing any act upon a patient or client which would constitute sexual battery, or which would constitute sexual misconduct as defined pursuant to section 491.0111, F.S.

On March 13, 2020, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Ms. Sokol alleging sexual misconduct by engaging, attempting to engage and/or offering to engage in a sexual behavior. The Department has made strong attempts but has ultimately been unsuccessful in obtaining the evidence necessary to prove its allegations by clear and convincing evidence. The patient has also stated they would “deny everything”. Without the patient’s testimony the Department is unable to authenticate the alleged violative text messages and pictures allegedly sent to the patient.

In an attempt to prove its case without the patient’s testimony, the Department has sent subpoenas to T-Mobile and Facebook, Inc. T-Mobile was unable to provide the Department with the content of any text messages or picture messages sent. Facebook, Inc., refused to provide the Department with any messages or images sent via Facebook Messenger between Ms. Sokol and the patient.

Following discussion, the board took the following action:



Motion: by Dr. Barlow to dismiss case due to lack of evidence.  
Second: by Dr. Day.  
Vote: unanimous.

**iv. Teresa j. Poppas, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Case No. 2017-22891**

Ms. Poppas' attorney was present. Mr. Den Beste presented the case before the board. This included alleged violation of section 491.0009(1)(r), F.S.(2016), by failing to meet the minimum standards of performance in professional activities when measured against generally prevailing peer performance, including the undertaking of activities for which the licensee, registered intern, or certificate holder is not qualified by training or experience.

The Department previously filed an Administrative Complaint on or about June 6, 2019, alleging violation of section 491.009(1)(r), F.S. Upon further review of the case materials, including a letter from Ms. Poppas' attorney, dated June 3, 2019, which was not included in the original packet that the Probable Cause Panel considered on June 5, 2019. The Department recommends closure of this case.

Motion: by Dr. Barlow to dismiss case due to lack of evidence.  
Second: by Dr. Day.  
Vote: unanimous.

**v. Danielle L. Schult, Registered Marriage and Family Therapy Intern, Case No. 2020-0348**

Ms. Schult was present. Ms. Harden presented the case before the board. On December 7, 2020, probable cause was found and a one-count Administrative Complaint was issued against her registration as a marriage and family therapy intern. The Administrative Complaint alleges that Ms. Schult violated section 491.009(1)(r), F.S. by filing to meet the minimum standards of performance.

After reviewing the election of rights, gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses in preparation for trial, the Department determined that there is insufficient evidence to prove some of the allegation in the Administrative Complaint. The Department requests approval of an amended Administrative Complaint.

Motion: by Dr. Barlow to find probable cause and amend the administrative complaint.  
Second: by Dr. Day.  
Vote: unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

**i. Doris Logan, Registered Clinical Social Work Intern, Case No. 2019-48766**

Ms. Logan was not present. Ms. Shideler presented the case to the panel. This was a one count complaint alleging violation of s. 491.009(1)(w), F.S. through possible



violation of s. 491.005(1)(c), F.S. failing to perform legal/statutory obligations;  
violating statute/rule: failing to remain under supervision.

Motion: by Dr. Barlow to find probable cause.  
Second: by Dr. Day.  
Vote: unanimous.

**VII. ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

