

**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#**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2021  
9:00 A.M. EST**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:02 a.m. EST by Susan Gray, Chairperson.

**A. ROLL CALL**

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

**BOARD COUNSEL:**

Marlene Stern, Esq. – Assistant  
Attorney General & Board Counsel

**PROSECUTION SERVICES:**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Susan Gray, PhD, LCSW, Chairperson  
Larry Shyers, PhD, LMHC  
Tanya Kraus, LCSW, CCM

**BOARD STAFF:**

Ashleigh Irving, Program Operations Administrator

**COURT REPORTER:**

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**II. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

Dr. Gray provided an explanation of today's meeting and the material to be covered. She thanked the Department for doing a great job putting the documents together in a clear and comprehensive manner. She stated the quality reports help with the review of the material.



### **III. OPENING REMARKS BY BOARD COUNSEL**

Ms. Stern determined that there was no need for opening remarks during the public meeting.

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

Ms. Shideler introduced herself and stated that all members have been provided with a memo 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, Ms. Shideler stated any materials received submitted by the licensee or counsel in reply to the proposed department action were enclosed.

### **V. RECONSIDERATIONS**

#### **A. Kristina Lea Scimeca, LMFT**

The case was presented to the panel by Mr. Den Beste. Ms. Scimeca's counsel, George F. Indest III, Esq. with the Health Law Firm in Orlando, Florida was present. On March 11, 2020 probable cause was found and a one count Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Scimeca for violation of section 491.009(1)(r), Florida Statutes, by failing to meet the minimum standards of performance for an LMFT in her treatment of a patient.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: Dr. Shyers to accept the Department's recommendation.

Second: Dr. Gray.

Vote: unanimous

### **VI. ADJOURMENT**

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am EST by Dr. Gray, Chair

