



**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
COMPLAINT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

In the Matter of the License of
Mary Woodward-Kreitz, M.A., L.P.
License Number: LP3003

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This agreement is entered into by and between Mary Woodward-Kreitz, M.A., L.P. ("Licensee"), and the Complaint Resolution Committee of the Minnesota Board of Psychology ("Committee") pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat. § 214.103, subd. 6(a). Licensee and the Committee hereby agree as follows:

FACTS

1. This agreement is based upon the following facts:
 - a) Beginning in 2001, Licensee provided family therapy services to the family of Client # 1 whose parents were going through a contested divorce. Within this role, Licensee provided therapy services to individual family members for the benefit of Client # 1 and helped his parents work out visitation agreements and mediate internal disputes.
 - b) From 2006 to 2008, Licensee provided individual counseling services to the Mother of Client # 1 for issues with depression.
 - c) In, or around, October 2010, Client # 1's Father filed a motion for change of custody of Client # 1 and asked Licensee to testify on his behalf. Licensee agreed and testified that custody of Client # 1 should be changed from his Mother to his Father. The court granted custody of Client # 1 to his Father in January 2011 and Client # 1 moved out of his Mother's residence into his Father's residence. Client # 1's Mother subsequently reported

problems with Licensee, including Licensee refusing to allow her into sessions with Client # 1, refusing to notify her of upcoming sessions, and refusing to release Client # 1's therapy records to her.

d) During a conference with the Committee on September 6, 2013, Licensee acknowledged she should not have testified in favor of changing custody of Client # 1 and indicated that the family therapy model for Client # 1 fell apart after she testified.

e) Licensee exhibited an understanding of family therapy and presented a number of theories to support her position. The Committee believes Licensee would benefit from continued education on the topics of psychological testimony and working with the courts.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

2. Licensee agrees to address the conduct referenced in paragraph 1 by taking the following corrective action:

a. *Continuing Education Course.* Within 6 months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall complete a continuing education and/or an individualized course or courses of no less than 4 hours in length on the topic of the role of psychologists in court, the differences between a treating clinician and a forensic evaluator, and how to ethically manage those two roles.

Licensee shall submit a summary and description of the course and/or courses along with a summary of the instructor(s)'s credentials for pre-approval by the Committee within 30 days of the date this Agreement for Corrective Action becomes effective. The Committee reserves the right to reject the course and/or courses proposed by Licensee. If the Committee rejects the course and/or courses proposed by Licensee, the Committee may require that Licensee submit additional courses, or the Committee may provide Licensee with approved courses.

b. *Licensee's Report.* At the conclusion of the course and/or courses, Licensee shall have 30 days to submit a report to the Board. The report shall provide and/or address:

- 1) A brief statement of the topics covered;
- 2) What Licensee has learned, including her own statement as to her comprehension and knowledge of the issues that gave rise to this Agreement for Corrective Action;
- 3) A statement as to how Licensee has changed or will change her practice as a result of the knowledge and skills obtained or honed through the course and/or courses;
- 4) Any other information Licensee believes would assist the Board in its ultimate review of this matter.

3. Licensee shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of compliance with this agreement.

4. If any due date required by the Agreement for Corrective Action is not met, the Committee may fine Licensee \$100.00 per violation. Licensee shall pay the fine and correct the violation within five days after service on Licensee of a demand for payment and correction. If Licensee fails to do so, the Committee may impose additional fines not to exceed \$500.00 per violation. The total of all fines may not exceed \$5,000.00. Licensee waives the right to seek review of the imposition of these fines under the Administrative Procedure Act, by writ of certiorari under Minn. Stat. § 480A.06, by application to the Board, or otherwise. Neither the imposition of fines nor correction of the violation will deprive the Board of the right to impose additional discipline based on the violation.

5. No condition imposed as a remedy by this Agreement for Corrective Action shall be used as a continuing education activity for the purpose of renewal of Licensee's license to practice psychology.

6. Licensee shall execute all releases necessary to allow the Committee to exchange information with the professional consultant referred to herein.

OTHER INFORMATION

7. Licensee understands that this agreement does not constitute disciplinary action.

8. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective action referenced in paragraph 3, the Committee agrees to dismiss the complaints(s) referenced in paragraph 1. Licensee agrees that the Committee shall be the sole judge of satisfactory completion. Licensee understands and further agrees that if, after dismissal, the Committee receives additional complaints similar to the facts in paragraph 1, the Committee may reopen the dismissed complaint(s).

9. If Licensee fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily, or if the Committee receives additional complaints similar to the facts described in paragraph 1, the Committee may, at its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to the Board's practice act and Minn. Stat. chs. 214 and 14. In any subsequent proceeding, the Committee may use as proof of the facts of paragraph 1 Licensee's agreements herein. Licensee agrees that failure to complete corrective action satisfactorily constitutes failure to cooperate under Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subd. 4, and may subject Licensee to disciplinary action by the Board.

10. Licensee is represented by Thomas A. Pearson, Esq., Pearson Quinlivan, PLC. The Committee is represented by Hans A. Anderson, Assistant Attorney General.

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11. This agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Committee and shall remain in effect until the Committee dismisses the complaint, unless the Committee receives additional information that renders corrective action inappropriate. Upon receipt of such information, the Committee may, at its discretion, proceed according to the Board's practice act and Minn. Stat. chs. 214 and 14.

12. Licensee understands and acknowledges that this agreement and any letter of dismissal are classified as public data.

13. Licensee hereby acknowledges having read and understood this agreement and having voluntarily entered into it. This agreement contains the entire agreement between the Committee and Licensee, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this agreement.

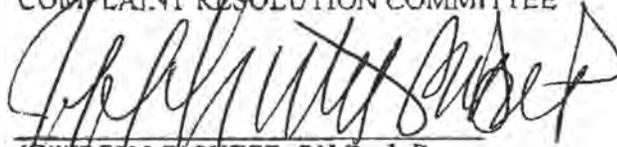
LICENSEE



MARY WOODWARD-KREITZ, M.A., L.P.

Dated: 1-7-14

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE



JEFFREY LEICHTER, PH.D., L.P.
Committee Chair

Dated: 1-15-14