CONSENT AGREEMENT
TERMS & CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, regarding the alleged violations of failure to maintain sobriety while practicing as a CAC by ERICA LAWRENCE, an informal conference was conducted by the Complaint Investigator of the Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (hereinafter “ADRA”) on March 15, 2013, with ERICA LAWRENCE (hereinafter “Respondent”), holder of CAC No. 1265, appearing;

WHEREAS, pursuant to information received and/or gathered by the ADRA which produced evidence indicating that Respondent violated the following laws and/or regulations:

La. R.S. 37:3390.3(A)(5) Impaired in delivery of professional services of substance abuse, compulsive gambling, or because of medical or psychiatric disability;

La. R.S. 37:3390.3(A)(11) Grossly negligent in practice as a licensed, certified or registered professional; professional in training, or assistant, as provided for in this Chapter;

La. R.S. 37:3390.3(A)(13) Violated any provisions of this Chapter; and

La. R.S. 37:3390.3(A)(15) Guilty of unprofessional conduct, including departing from, or failing to conform to, the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing practice. Actual injury to a client need not be established.

To facilitate the submission of this Consent Agreement, Respondent does not offer any defense to the violations cited above; and further agrees there is sufficient evidence upon which to predicate a finding of the violations.
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Respondent further understands that this Consent Agreement shall constitute a Public Record pursuant to La. R.S. 44:1 et seq. and is considered disciplinary action by the ADRA.

In order to avoid further administrative and judicial proceedings, Respondent hereby consents to accept and abide by the following order of the Board:

1. CAC #1265 belonging to Respondent, ERICA LAWRENCE, is suspended for a minimum period of 2 years;
2. Prior to requesting reinstatement, Respondent must:
   a. Have maintained sobriety for 2 years;
   b. Submit to comprehensive outpatient psychiatric, psychological, and addictive disease evaluation, at Respondent’s expense, at an ADRA approved evaluation center;
   c. Authorize and cause a written report of the said evaluation to be submitted to the ADRA, to include the entire evaluation report including diagnosis, course of treatment, prescribed or recommended treatment, prognosis, and professional opinion as to Respondent’s capability of practicing as a CAC with reasonable skill and safety to clients;
   d. Submit all pages of this Consent Agreement to each evaluator prior to the start of the evaluations in order for the evaluation to be deemed valid;
   e. Immediately submit to all recommendations thereafter of the therapist, physician, or evaluation team, and cause to have submitted evidence of continued compliance with all recommendations by the respective professionals; and
   f. If the evaluations give any treatment recommendations or findings to warrant concern for client safety, meet with ADRA Compliant Investigator and demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the ADRA Complaint Investigator that Respondent poses no danger to the practice as a CAC or to the public and that Respondent can safely and competently perform the duties of a CAC.

By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent agrees that the ADRA has jurisdiction in this matter, waives her right to informal conference, to Notice of Hearing, to a formal Administrative Hearing, and to judicial review of this Consent Agreement.
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By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent agrees that any failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement is a basis for discipline by the ADRA.

Both Respondent and the ADRA stipulate that this Consent Order shall not become effective and shall not become binding on the ADRA unless and until approved by the ADRA at formal meeting.

I, ERICA LAWRENCE, understand that this Agreement is effective upon affirmative vote by the ADRA at formal hearing. It is also understood that should the ADRA not approve the Consent Agreement, my agreement thereon does not preclude the ADRA from requiring a formal hearing of my case. I further understand that should this Consent Agreement not be accepted by the ADRA, the presentation to and consideration by the ADRA of this Agreement, including presented documentary evidence and information, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice or preclude the ADRA or any of its members from further participation in hearings or resolution of these proceedings.

SIGNED, AGREED TO AND ENTERED on this 16 day of September, 2013.

ERICA LAWRENCE
CAC #1265
2801 Karen Lynn Road
Sulphur, LA 70663

Submitted for ADRA Approval By:

Paul Schoen
Complaint Investigator
ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSENT AGREEMENT BY THE LOUISIANA ADDICTIVE DISORDER REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

By a majority vote of the ADRA members voting in favor of the foregoing Consent Agreement at the Board meeting on 09/20, 2013, the ADRA hereby adopts said Agreement.

FOR THE ADRA:

[Signature]

CHAIR