Virginia Board of Counseling Informal Conferences – Agency Subordinate March 7, 2022

Time and Place:

Informal Conferences, held before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Counseling, were convened at 10:00 a.m. on March 7, 2022 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

Agency Subordinate: Patricia Mullen, LPC

Staff Present: Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Counseling

Others Present: Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division

Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

INFORMAL CONFERENCES HELD

Laurel Martin, LPC, LMFT

Case No, 201265

LPC license #: 0701001722 LMFT license #: 0717000049

The respondent appeared in person and discussed the allegations in the Notice of the Board dated August 26, 2021, and an Amended Notice dated October 15, 2021. She was represented by Michelle Derrico, Esquire. A recommended decision will be made and mailed to the respondent within ninety (90) days. This recommendation will be presented to the full Board and, if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such order on the respondent unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing is received within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

Catherine Wright, LPC

Case Nos. 196935 and 201612 LPC License #: 0701006749

The respondent appeared in person and discussed the allegations in the Notice of the Board dated October 15, 2021, and an Amended Notice dated January 20, 2022. She was represented by Barbara Queen, Esquire. At 12:45 p.m., Ms. Mullen approved the respondent's request to go into closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(16) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of medical and mental health records. Ms. Lang and Ms. Joseph attended the closed session because their presence was necessary in review of the case. Following discussion of medical and mental health records, Ms. Mullen attested that that she heard, discussed, and considered only those public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as identified for which the closed meeting was convened.

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Jennifer Lang	March 8, 2022
Jennifer Lang Deputy Executive Director	Date

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Adjournment: The informal conferences concluded at 1:05 p.m.