



New Jersey Office of the Attorney General



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By certified and regular mail

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

*Melissa Blalock*

Re: Ms. Melissa E. Dolgos, LAC  
Settlement Letter in Lieu of Formal Disciplinary  
Action - Complaint # 100464

Dear Ms. Dolgos:

The Professional Counselor Examiners Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners has completed its review of a complaint alleging that you engaged in professional misconduct in your treatment of E.W., a patient at GenPsych, in relation to your practice as a Licensed Associate Counselor.

The Committee has determined that in your treatment of E.W., you practiced beyond the level of your competence and did not obtain adequate supervision. The Committee has determined that these acts may be sufficient to initiate formal disciplinary proceedings but is willing to resolve this matter by settlement. Therefore, the Committee is offering you an opportunity to settle this matter, by your agreeing to:

1. A reprimand for practicing beyond your level of competence and not obtaining adequate supervision.

The Committee recommends that you seek individual counseling for one (1) year to address the trauma and ramifications of the death of client.

If you are willing to settle this matter on this settlement term, please sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and return it to the Committee office.

Upon receipt of your signed acknowledgment, this letter will be a matter of public record.

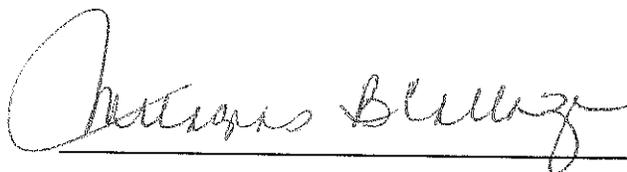
In the event you decline the Committee's offer, the matter will be returned to the Committee for further consideration which may include the initiation of appropriate enforcement action. In that event, you will be given an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted, the Committee will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed and the allegations proven, the Committee may assess civil penalties, and/or the additional costs incurred by the Committee. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer, please contact Deputy Attorney General Shirley Dickstein, who may be reached at (973) 648-7093.

If you choose to settle this matter, please sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Committee no later than September 10, 2015.

In the event that the Committee receives no response from you by September 10, 2015, the Committee's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for consideration of the initiation of appropriate enforcement proceedings.

Yours very truly,

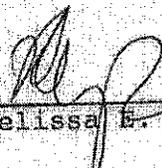
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OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**



Milagros B. Collazo,  
Executive Director

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, Melissa E. Dolgos, acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in this letter. I acknowledge that I engaged in professional misconduct. I am aware that by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges at an administrative hearing. I am aware that this Settlement Letter is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I agree to:

1. A reprimand for practicing beyond my level of competence and not obtaining adequate supervision.

  
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Melissa E. Dolgos, LAC

9/29/15  
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Date

cc: Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General