STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

BOARD OF LICENSING FOR ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE PROFESSIONALS

In Re: Sarah Johnston,

**CRSW #0308** 

Docket No.: 2022-ALC-023

## **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER OF 11/09/23**

## I. CASE SUMMARY/PROCEDURAL HISTORY

For the current renewal cycle, the Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals ("Board") selected Sarah Johnston, CRSW ("Licensee") for a random audit, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R. Ann., Title Alc 410.01 ("Rules"). In furtherance of the audit, the Board sent the Licensee a letter on 05/11/22 requesting documentation demonstrating compliance with applicable continuing education, supervision, and/or peer collaboration requirements contained in Rules 400 et seq. The Board also appointed a Peer Review Committee to review the audit responses that were due back from the Licensee on 06/30/22. The Committee's review revealed the Licensee lacked documentation of certain continuing education, supervision, and/or peer collaboration requirements. On 07/14/22, the Board sent a follow-up letter to the Licensee requesting additional information be submitted to the Board by 07/30/22. On 08/11/22, the Board determined that the Licensee had still failed to document the missing requirements and voted to hold a show cause hearing to obtain further information from the Licensee before rendering a decision as to whether the Licensee meets the applicable requirements of licensure under RSA 330-C:22 and RSA 330-C:24 and Rules 400 et seq. At the request of the Licensee, the matter was continued from

the 09/08/22 meeting. The Board held a final show cause hearing in this matter on 10/13/22. After a show

cause hearing, a non-recused quorum of the Board reviewed the additional documentation at its 10/13/22

meeting and determined that the Licensee still failed to meet the requirements for licensure, even though

she is actively licensed. Consequently, the Board voted on 10/13/22 to initiate a disciplinary proceeding

to further address this matter. The final adjudicatory hearing occurred on 11/10/22 and an order issued

thereafter placing the Licensee on probation subject to conditions. This Final Order and Decision follows.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Since the issuance of the disciplinary order in this docket dated 11/14/22, the Licensee has

provided the Board with documentation that she argues demonstrates she has complied with the conditions

of her probation such that the probationary status on her license should be lifted. Having reviewed the

Licensee's submissions, the Board and Presiding Officer find and conclude that she has met the

requirements of the 11/14/22 disciplinary order such that the probationary status on her license should be

lifted.

III. ORDER

Pursuant to RSA 310:10, the probationary status on the Licensee's license is **LIFTED**. The OPLC

Licensing Bureau shall change the status of the Applicant's license to unrestricted forthwith.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 11/16/2023

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