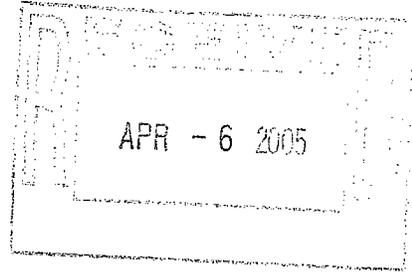


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS
AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**



vs.

SCOTT TELLIER, MHC (MHC00098)

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-63.2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), after review and consultation with the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists (hereinafter "Board") has investigated a complaint charging Scott Tellier, MHC, (hereinafter "Respondent"), with a violation of Chapter 5-63.2-21 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a mental health counselor licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on various dates between March 3, 2004 and April 30, 2004 Respondent failed to provide care to Client A that met the prevailing standards of care in that, Respondent failed to obtain a release of information regarding Client A's previous psychiatric hospitalization; that Respondent failed to use the proper assessment tools; that Respondent improperly diagnosed Client A; that Respondent failed to refer Client A to a psychiatrist for evaluation; that Respondent failed to maintain proper client records; and that Respondent failed to properly terminate the client-therapist relationship.

3. That the conduct described in paragraph two (2) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 5-63.2-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a licensed mental health counselor and able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
 - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;

- i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and Respondent's license shall reflect that the status is "Active Probation."
6. The Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations contained herein.
7. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
8. Respondent agrees to a period of probation to commence upon the date the Consent Order is signed by both parties and end July 1, 2006, and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed as a mental health counselor.
9. That, during the period of probation, Respondent shall submit to weekly supervision with a supervisor approved by the Board. Respondent's supervisor shall submit to the Department reports every month relating to Respondent's conduct and performance. That it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to ensure that the supervisor submit said reports.
10. That Respondent shall, on or before December 31, 2005, present evidence of enrollment and satisfactory completion of coursework in Legal Ethics and Assessment Instrumentation. Said course must be approved by the Board, in writing, prior to Respondent registering and enrolling in same.
11. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of mental health counseling and comply with the terms of this Order during the period of probation he may apply to the Department for an unrestricted license.

12. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of mental health counseling and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Order, his license as a mental health counselor shall be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

April 1, 2005
Date

Scott Tellier
Scott Tellier

Approved on this 6 day of April 2005

Charles Alexandre
Charles Alexandre
Chief, Health Professions Regulation