



## **ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

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### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**Cindy Hatcher**

**Case No. 2023-04**

**Date: January 23, 2024**

Violation: Respondent violated Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-X-3-.01(2) and (2a) by practicing without Board approved supervisory agreement, Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-X-7-.01(4)(n)(2), (4)(d), and (4)(p) by practicing outside of licensure, fraudulent representations, and failure to report name change to the Board within stated time frame, Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-X-8-.08(3) misleading the public concerning identity, responsibility, source, and status, and Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-X-8-.10(18)(a) by providing assessments and/or testing.

Disposition: The Board entered into a Consent Agreement with Respondent and assessed an administrative fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid in monthly installments. Respondent shall in addition to regular CE requirements, complete a minimum of nine (9) hours of live and/or synchronous CE's on the subject of Ethics, including one course covering Marriage and Family Therapist's scope of competency.

**Carla Jeanne Black**

**Case No. 2016-04**

**Date: September 22, 2018**

Violation: Respondent violated Ala. Code §34-17A-4 (1975 as amended) by practicing marriage and family therapy without being properly licensed by the Board.

Disposition: The Board issued a cease-and-desist order to Respondent.

**Matt S. Heatherly**

**Case No. 2016-05**

**Date: January 26, 2018**

Violation: Respondent violated Ala. Code §34-17A-14(a)3 (1975 as amended) and Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-7-.01(3) by committing fraud and misrepresentation in obtaining a license. The Board entered into a Consent Agreement with Respondent and Respondent voluntarily surrendered his license for a period of two years.

**Maria Pennefather**

**Case No. 2016-01**

**Date: May 25, 2016**

Violation: Respondent violated Ala. Code §34-17A-4 (1975 as amended) by practicing marriage and family therapy without being properly licensed by the Board.

Disposition: The Board issues a cease-and-desist order to Respondent.

**Danny E. Blanchard**

**Case No. 2015-01**

**Date: September 23, 2016**

Violation: Respondent violated Ala. Code r. 536-X-7-.01(4)(g), (h), (o), and Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-X-8-.08(1), (4), (6), and (8) by committing fraud and misrepresentation of credentials.

Disposition: The Board entered into a Consent Agreement with Respondent and assessed an administrative fine in the amount of \$1,250.00. Respondent has paid said fine in full.

**Antoinette Montgomery**

**Case No. 2016-02**

**Date: September 22, 2016**

Violation: Respondent violated Ala. Code §34-17A-4 (1975 as amended) by practicing marriage and family therapy without being properly licensed by the Board.

Disposition: The Board issued a cease-and-desist order to Respondent.

**Keith Parham**

**Date: May 9, 2008**

Violation: Respondent violated Ala. Code r. 536-X-8-.01(1)(b) and 536-X-7-.01(4)(n)5 by engaging in dual relationships with clients during the therapist client relationship and engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a female client in 2003.

Disposition: Respondent voluntarily surrendered his license and the Board assessed an administrative fine in the amount of \$500.00.

**Mack D. Lyons**

**Date: May 9, 2008**

Violation: On the basis of indictment issued by the Grand Jury for the Circuit Court of DeKalb County, Alabama, finding that sufficient evidence exists to be tried on no less than five (5) felony sexual abuse counts and five (5) misdemeanor harassment counts, the Board issued an emergency suspension of license number 223 on March 10, 2008, with a hearing to be scheduled on the following: Ala. Code §34-17A-14(a)(2) (1975 as amended) – violation of ethical standards of a nature as to render the person found by the Board to be unfit to practice marriage and family therapy; Ala Admin. Code r. 536-X-7 and 536-X-8 – Grounds for Discipline and Ethical Standards and Standards of Conduct of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Discipline: Respondent voluntarily surrendered his license.