

RICHARD DEPTULA
LETTER OF SURRENDER

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Ms. Aileen Taylor
Executive Director
State Board of Examiners of Professional
Counselors and Therapists
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

RE: Richard Deptula, LCADC

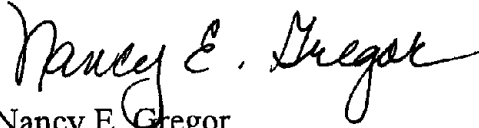
Dear Ms. Taylor:

Enclosed is the signed and notarized Letter of Surrender and the wall certificate and licenses of Richard Deptula.

Thank you for your consideration in receiving these items today. As I think you have been informed, I was on the West Coast and unable to return to Baltimore until yesterday evening because of the snow storm.

Please call me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,


Nancy E. Gregor

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Enclosure

cc: Richard Deptula

Sherrai Hamm, Assistant Attorney General (w/o encl.)

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State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and Therapists
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

Re: **Surrender of Professional Counselors License**
Richard Deptula, LCADC
License Number: LCA257

Dear Members of the Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and Therapists:

To resolve the Board's pending investigation of my recent behavior and in lieu of incurring disciplinary action under the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act, Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 17-3A-13 and 17-313 (2000 Repl. Vol., 2002 Supp.), please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice alcohol and drug counseling in the State of Maryland. I understand that in so doing, I can no longer treat patients or practice alcohol and drug counseling as set forth in the Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 17-101 (l) (2000 Repl. Vol., 2002 Supp.). In other words, as of the date I sign this Letter of Surrender, I understand that this surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC** document. I understand that this Letter of Surrender will be sent to the Federal Health Care Integrity and Protection Data Bank and to other state professional counselors and therapists licensing boards and I also understand that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final public order which could result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. State Gov't. Code Ann. §§ 10-611 et seq. (2002).

I have decided to surrender my license to avoid charges by the Board for engaging in improper sexual behavior with a client, which is a violation of the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act, Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 17-313(4) (Violates the code of ethics adopted by the Board); Section 17-313(5) (Knowingly violates any provision of this title); Section 17-313(9) (Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board); Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 58.03.09A (2002) (A counselor may not engage in sexual misconduct with a client or supervisee. Sexual misconduct includes but is not limited to: Inappropriate sexual language, sexual harassment, and sexual behavior). By signing this Letter of Surrender, I neither admit nor deny the foregoing facts however, I acknowledge that the Board possesses sufficient evidence to find that I engaged in sexual misconduct with a client, in violation of provisions set forth above.

By virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest charges that I have violated these provisions of the Act. I acknowledge that the Board has the right to revoke my license based upon the acts allegedly committed by me. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to

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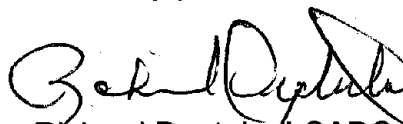
contest these findings in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been given an opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

I acknowledge that I have surrendered to the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and Therapists the following items regarding License Number LCA257:

1. My wall certificate; and/or
2. My display license; and
3. My pocket license.

Sincerely yours,

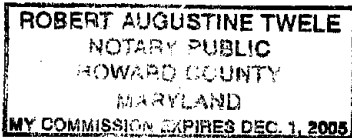

Richard Deptula, LCADC

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF HOWARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of FEBRUARY, 2003,
before me, a Notary Public of the State of and City/County aforesaid, personally
appeared Richard Deptula, LCADC, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of
perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.



Robert Augustine Twelle
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: DEC. 1, 2005

ON BEHALF OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS AND THERPISTS, on this 21 day of February 2003
2003, I accept Richard Deptula's surrender of his license to practice alcohol and drug
counseling in the State of Maryland.

Joanne Faber
Joanne Faber, MED., C.A.S., LCPC,
Chairperson
State Board of Examiners of Professional
Counselors and Therapists