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IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
TANYA WRIGHT, ADT \* STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
RESPONDENT \* COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS  
TRAINEE Number: ADT 1433 \* Case Number: 2018-036

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND

In November 2017, the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board") initiated an investigation of Tanya Wright, ADT (Alcohol Drug Trainee), License Number ADT 1433 (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent"). Based on its investigation, the Board voted to offer a Pre-Charge Consent Order of Reprimand to the Respondent, in lieu of issuing Charges for violations of the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the "Act"), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 17-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.), and the regulations adopted by the Board, at Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") §§ 10.58.01 *et seq.*

Specifically, the Respondent appears to have violated the following provisions of the Act and COMAR:

**Health Occ. § 17-509. Denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of certificate applicant or holder.**

(8) Violates the code of ethics adopted by the Board;

(13) Violates any rule of regulation adopted by the Board; and

(16) Commits an act of immoral or unprofessional conduct in the practice of clinical or nonclinical counseling or therapy;

**COMAR 10.58.03. Code of Ethics.**

.04 Ethical Responsibility.

B. A counselor may not:

(3) Enter into relationships that could compromise a counselor's objectivity or create a conflict of interest.

.05 Counseling Relationship.

B. Dual Relationships.

(1) A counselor shall:

(a) Avoid dual relationships with clients;

The Board offered the Respondent an opportunity to settle this matter rather than pursuing formal charges against the Respondent. As a result of that offer, the Respondent and the Board agreed to the following Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board finds the following facts.

**Background**

1. On or about March 22, 2017, the Respondent was initially authorized to practice as a alcohol and drug trainee ("ADT") in the State of Maryland under authorization number 1433. The Respondent's license was last renewed on or about March 26, 2019.
2. At all times relevant, the Respondent was employed at Facility A, in Maryland, as an ADT, providing alcohol and drug therapeutic services under supervision.

**Complaint**

3. On or about November 30, 2017, the Board received a complaint from the program administrator at Facility A. The complaint alleged that the Respondent and her client

had dated for over a month and that the relationship ended the day before the client made a report to Facility A's program administrator.

### **Investigation**

4. The Board's investigation revealed that the Respondent provided counseling to the client at Facility A for 2 to 3 months.
5. The Respondent admitted that she crossed boundaries by becoming emotionally attached to the client. She helped the client with job searches, complete his school registration, and bought the client groceries and pajamas.
6. The Respondent denied having sexual contact with the client.
7. The Respondent realized her emotional attachment was inappropriate and attempted to set boundaries with the client. The client became angry when this occurred and reported the relationship to management.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds as a matter of law that the Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of §17-509 (8), (13) and (16) and COMAR 10.58.03.04 and .05.

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby by a majority of the Board members considering this case:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall complete a three (3) credit college ethics course related to substance abuse and/or counseling and submit proof of completion

with a grade of a "C" or better to the Board within one year of the date of this Order;  
and it is further

**ORDERED** if the Board finds, after providing the Respondent with notice and a hearing, that the Respondent failed to comply with the condition set forth above, the Board may impose any disciplinary sanction and/or penalty it deems appropriate pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 17-509, 17-510 (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2018 Supp.).

**ORDERED** that this Pre-Charge Consent Order of Reprimand is a public document, pursuant to Md. Gen. Prov. Code Ann. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol.) and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated to report.

January 17, 2020  
Date

Risa Ganel / M  
Risa, Ganel, MS, LCMFT  
Chair  
Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors  
and Therapists

## CONSENT

I, Tanya Wright, ADT, acknowledge that I have had been made aware of my right to consult with counsel before signing this document. By this Consent, I accept a Reprimand in lieu of a formal evidentiary hearing on violations of the Act and COMAR contained in this Consent Order.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in 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 as provided by law. I waive any rights I may have had to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I also affirm that I waive my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order after having had an opportunity to consult with counsel, without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order. I voluntarily sign this Consent Order and I understand its meaning and effect.

12/19/19  
Date

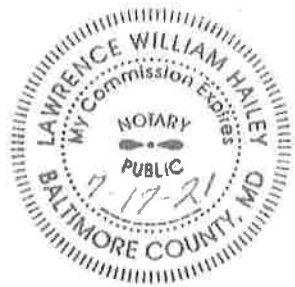
Tanya Wright  
Tanya Wright, ADT  
Respondent

**NOTARY**

STATE OF MD.  
CITY/COUNTY OF: BALTO.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of DEC. 2019,  
before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Tanya  
Wright, ADT and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her  
voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.



Notary Public [Signature]

My commission expires: