

**IN THE MATTER OF
LINDA E. BESSETT, PH.D.
LICENSE NO. 1974**

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**BEFORE THE MARYLAND
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Case No. 2013-010**

Respondent

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ORDER OF MODIFICATION

The Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the “Board”) is in receipt of a request from Linda Bessett, Ph.D., License No. 1974, to modify of a particular term of her Consent Order, dated March 9, 2015. The Consent Order requires that during her two-year probationary period, Dr. Bessett shall obtain “ongoing clinical supervision of all aspects of her practice . . . with a Board-approved clinical supervisor on a twice-monthly basis.” The Consent Order provides that Dr. Bessett may petition for modification of the terms of supervision after completing one year of probation “if recommended by her supervisor.” On April 11, 2016, the Board received a request from Dr. Bessett to terminate the requirement for supervisory sessions, although she noted that her supervisor agreed to be available to her for consultation as needed. On June 7, 2016, the Board received Dr. Bessett’s supervisor’s Final Supervision Report, in which he noted that Dr. Bessett “has made excellent progress.” Upon consideration of Dr. Bessett’s request and the documentation provided by both her and her supervisor, the Board voted to modify the terms of probation as ordered below.

ORDER

It is this 8 day of July, 2016, by an affirmative vote of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists, hereby,

ORDERED that the requirement of the Board’s March 9, 2015 Consent Order with

Linda Bessett, Ph.D., License No.1974, that Dr. Bessett obtain ongoing clinical supervision, is TERMINATED; and be it further,

ORDERED that all of the other terms of the March 9, 2015 Consent Order remain in full force and effect; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists and as such is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b).

Aug. 4, 2016
Date

Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP
Chair, Board of Examiners of Psychologists