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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES CRACKS DOWN ON EXAM SUBVERSION

SACRAMENTO – The Board of Behavioral Sciences is seeking to revoke the license of Elizabeth Marie Still for exam subversion and teaching the exam material to participants in a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCC) test preparation class.

Still became a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in 2002. In January 2012, Still took the LPCC examination and subsequently became a LPCC as well. At the time Still took her LPCC examination, she signed an agreement not to disclose any material regarding the test or test content. However, Still memorized and reproduced LPCC test questions and answers then provided those to students participating in an LPCC test preparation class taught by Still. The Board was forced to suspend further LPCC testing until a new test could be prepared. Approximately 650 applicants were impacted.

The Board will now proceed with efforts to permanently revoke both her licenses.

“Exam subversion is very serious,” said Board of Behavioral Sciences Executive Officer Kim Madsen. “The Board spends thousands of dollars to develop licensure examinations that will assess an applicant’s ability to safely provide consumers mental health services. Therefore, it is critical that all examination content remain confidential. The Board will take action against any individual who subverts a Board examination.”

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The BBS is responsible for consumer protection through the regulation of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT); Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW); Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEP); Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCC); MFT Interns (IMF); Associate Clinical Social Workers (ASW); and Professional Clinical Counselor Interns (PCCI) in the State of California. It is one of the boards within the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

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