

Kevin Barwick  
License Numbers: LC0255  
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Board of Professional  
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Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC, Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor license  
License Numbers: LC0255  
Case Numbers: 2024-025 & 2024-142

RECEIVED

Dear Ms. Sivels-Stevens and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor ("LCPC") in the State of Maryland, License Number LC0255, effective upon acceptance of this letter by the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board"). I understand that upon acceptance of this letter of surrender by the Board, I may not represent to the public by title, description of services, methods, procedures, or otherwise that I am a licensed clinical professional counselor as it is defined in the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 17-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.) and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my LCPC license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and, upon the Board's acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of my licensed clinical professional counseling practice. The Board's investigation found that I allegedly engaged in unprofessional conduct which consisted of unwanted telephonic contact with a patient and sending inappropriate text messages to another patient. My employment at that time was put on suspension and I was eventually terminated after an internal investigation.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice professional counseling in the State of Maryland due to mental health reasons and to avoid further investigation and prosecution for allegedly violating the Act. I acknowledge that if the Board were to issue charges, and if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would submit evidence to support the investigative findings that I violated the multiple provisions of the Act including:

**Health Occ. § 17-509:**

- (8) Violates the code of ethics adopted by the Board;
- (9) Knowingly violates any provision of this title;
- (13) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board;
- (16) Commits an act of immoral or unprofessional conduct in the practice of clinical or nonclinical counseling or therapy[.]

and the following provisions of the Code of Ethics adopted by the board, codified at Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR"):

**10.58.03.04**

- (A)(11) (a counselor shall be familiar with and adhere to this chapter);
- (A)(14) (a counselor shall take reasonable precautions to protect clients from physical or psychological trauma);
- (B)(3) (a counselor may not enter into relationships with that could compromise a counselor's objectivity or create a conflict of interest);

**10.58.03.05**

- (A)(2)(a) (a counselor may not place or participate in placing clients in positions that may result in damaging the interests and the welfare of clients, employees, employers, or the public);

**10.58.03.09**

(A) A counselor may not engage in sexual misconduct with a client or supervisee. Sexual misconduct includes but is not limited to:

- (1) Inappropriate sexual language;
- (2) Sexual exploitation;
- (3) Sexual harassment;
- (4) Sexual behavior; and
- (5) Therapeutic deception.

I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to licensure, certification, and/or trainee approval status, the investigative findings in this Letter of Surrender will be treated as if proven.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right I may have to contest any charges that would issue from the Board's investigative findings and its vote to issue charges 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 all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I understand that the Board, in response to any inquiry, will advise that I have surrendered my license to practice clinical professional counseling services. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-101 *et. seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.), and that this Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my licenses to practice clinical professional counseling will remain surrendered unless and until I petition the Board for reinstatement or apply for a new license. I understand that when petitioning for reinstatement or applying for a new Maryland license, I will approach the Board in the same posture as an individual whose clinical professional counseling has been revoked based on the investigative findings contained herein and that the Board has sole discretion to accept or deny any application that I may submit. I further agree that if the Board reinstates my license to practice clinical professional counseling services, the Board may set additional terms and conditions that shall apply to my reinstated license, which may include the imposition of probation.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly, voluntarily and without any duress.



Sincerely,

  
Kevin Barwick, LCPC

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Prince Georges

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4th day of January, 2026,  
before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared  
KEVIN BARWICK, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing  
the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 04/29/2029



ACCEPTANCE

On this 20th day of February 2026, I, Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC, Board Chair, on behalf of the Board, accept the **PUBLIC VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of the Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor license **Kevin Barwick, LCPC**, to practice clinical professional counseling the State of Maryland.



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