

**IN THE MATTER OF** \* **BEFORE THE MARYLAND**  
**CARLYANNE ROHDE, PSY.D.** \* **BOARD OF EXAMINERS**  
**PSYCHOLOGIST** \* **OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**  
**License No. 4948** \* **Case No. 2021-019**

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**CONSENT ORDER**

**HISTORY**

On or about April 19, 2021, the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the “Board”) received a complaint concerning the practice of Dr. Carlyanne Rohde, Psychologist, License No. 4948. The complaint was made by a former client (“Client A”) who alleged that Dr. Rohde groomed him via text, email, and social media message and forwarded sexually explicit messages to him via the same mediums. Upon review of the complaint and the materials provided, the Board was concerned that Dr. Rohde failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with Client A, specifically to the extent she sent sexually explicit and otherwise inappropriate messages to Client A.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Dr. Rohde, in accordance with the Maryland Psychologists Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 18-101 *et seq.*, and Board regulations, COMAR 10.36.01, a Pre-charge Case Resolution Conference (“CRC”) was held with members of the Board, Board Counsel, and Dr. Rohde on May 6, 2022. Thereafter, the Board and Dr. Rohde agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Rohde was licensed by the Board to practice as a psychologist in Maryland, License No. 4948. Dr. Rohde was first licensed by the Board on November 22, 2010; her license is currently active and is set to expire on March 31, 2024.
2. In October 2016, Dr. Rohde began treatment sessions with Client A, focusing on Client A’s depression, anxiety, and history of trauma. Treatment appeared to continue smoothly for a

number of years, although Client A expressed an attraction to Dr. Rohde and a history of transference issues with female therapists, which Dr. Rohde did not directly address with Client A. Dr. Rohde and Client A began to text more frequently in 2018 and 2019, although the texts consisted of treatment-appropriate discussions and exchanging memes.

3. In late 2019 or early 2020, Dr. Rohde's mother and Client A's mother both passed away and the tenor of their communications changed. The text message became more personal, and Dr. Rohde expressed an attraction to and interest in Client A. During these text exchanges Dr. Rohde also acknowledged that she was engaging in unethical conduct and expressed a fear about losing her license if they continued to communicate in such a way. However, she continued her relationship with Client A despite these concerns.

4. In March 2020, Dr. Rohde and Client A engaged in sexting on at least three occasions, including Dr. Rohde sending Client A a picture of her bare breast. Dr. Rohde and Client A terminated their professional relationship on March 23, 2020, although they continued to have a personal relationship until at least June 2020. Their last communication took place in December 2020.

5. On May 6, 2022, the Board held a CRC with Dr. Rohde. At the CRC, Dr. Rohde admitted to engaging in inappropriate conversations and conduct with Client A. Dr. Rohde stated that she was overwhelmed and was unsure how to assert herself with Client A. Dr. Rohde also stated that she suggested referral to another provider, but Client A was resistant.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Dr. Rohde is subject to discipline pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 18-313(7), (12), and (17), and COMAR

10.36.05.03A(1) and 10.36.05.07D(1).

**ORDER**

It is this **18** day of **September 2023**, by an affirmative vote of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists, hereby:

**ORDERED** that Dr. Rohde's license be SUSPENDED for a period of ONE (1) YEAR, all of which shall be STAYED; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Dr. Rohde's license be placed on immediate PROBATION for a period of at least THREE (3) YEARS, during which she shall:

1. Obtain ongoing clinical supervision from a Board-approved psychologist supervisor with a minimum of one (1) supervisory session per month, with terms and conditions of the supervision to be determined by the supervisor and ensure that her supervisor provides quarterly reports to the Board.
2. Sign up for and complete a minimum 20-hour ethics tutorial with a Board-approved psychologist ethics tutor, with terms and conditions of the tutorial (including the length of the tutorial and frequency of tutoring sessions) to be determined by the tutor, and ensure that her ethics tutor provides a report to the Board at the conclusion of the tutorial; and
3. Within the first 90 days of probation, sign-up for and complete a minimum three (3) hour Board-approved continuing education course in working with difficult clients, which shall not count towards the continuing education hours required for renewal of her license; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that the Board reserves the right to conduct a peer review by an appropriate peer review entity or a chart review by a Board designee at any time during the period of probation,

to be determined at the discretion of the Board; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that after three (3) years of probation, Dr. Rohde may petition the Board to terminate probation, provided that she has been fully compliant with the terms of probation and does not have any pending complaints filed against her; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Dr. Rohde shall agree and consent to the release by the Board, to her supervisor and ethics tutor, the complete investigative file in this case; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Dr. Rohde shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Dr. Rohde's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the probationary terms and a violation of this Order; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that in the event the Board finds in good faith that Dr. Rohde has violated any of the conditions of probation herein, or in the event the Board finds in good faith that Dr. Rohde has committed a violation of Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may impose further disciplinary action against her license, including suspension or revocation, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Dr. Rohde shall bear the expenses associated with this Order; 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 Maryland Code Ann., Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b).

September 8, 2023

Date

Brenda Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

Chair, MD Board of Examiners of Psychologists

**CONSENT**

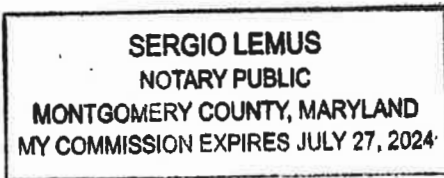
1. By signing this Consent, I hereby affirm the findings of fact contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
2. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge that this is a formal order of the Board and as such is a public document.
4. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
5. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

10/10/23  
Date

Carlyanne Rohde Psy.D.  
Carlyanne Rohde, Psy.D.

**STATE OF MARYLAND**  
**COUNTY/CITY OF Montgomery :**

I hereby certify that on this 10 day of October, 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared CARLYANNE ROHDE, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.



Sergio Lemus  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: 07/27/2024