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BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD

OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

Floyd K. Godfrey, LPC-10466, Licensed Professional Counselor, In the State of Arizona.

RESPONDENT

CASE NOS. 2023-0157 2023-0158 2023-0159 2023-0163

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of the above captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and responsibilities of the Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners ("Board"), and pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3281(F) and 41-1092.07(F)(5), Floyd K. Godfrey ("Respondent") and the Board enter into this Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

Respondent understands and agrees that:

- Any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board concerning the allegations, and all related materials and exhibits may be retained in the Board's file pertaining to this matter.
- 2. Respondent has the right to a formal administrative hearing at which Respondent can present evidence and cross examine the State's witnesses. Respondent hereby irrevocably waives their right to such formal hearing concerning these allegations and irrevocably waives their right to any rehearing or judicial review relating to the allegations contained in this Consent Agreement.
- Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement.

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- 4. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke their acceptance of this Consent Agreement or make any modifications to it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.
- 5. The findings contained in the Findings of Fact portion of this Consent Agreement are conclusive evidence of the facts stated herein between only Respondent and the Board for the final disposition of this matter and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.
- 6. This Consent Agreement is subject to the Board's approval, and will be effective only when the Board accepts it. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value, nor shall it be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by any party hereto, except that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or of any records relating thereto.
- 7. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of this Consent Agreement is solely to settle this Board matter and does not preclude the Board from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future. Furthermore, and notwithstanding any language in this Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement does not preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Consent Agreement makes no representations, implied or

otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of the state relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.

8. Respondent understands that once the Board approves and signs this Consent Agreement, it is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

The Board issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is the holder of License No. LPC-10466 for the practice of counseling in the State of Arizona.
- 2. In 03/23, the Board received four separate complaints against Respondent alleging unwanted sexual in nature advances made by Respondent towards an employee ("Employee 1") and another employee ("Employee 2") at Agency which Respondent owns and operates.
- Employee 2's complaint included an additional allegation that Respondent asked to get naked in front of him and Employee 2 provided screenshots of written correspondence to corroborate this allegation.
- 4. Based on the allegation and information received during Board staff's investigation, a special Board meeting was requested.
- At the 05/24/23 Board meeting, the members voted to offer the Respondent an interim consent agreement that would prohibit him the ability to see client's directly or provide clinical supervision.
- Additionally, at the Board meeting, the members issued an Order for a
 psychosexual evaluation to be completed within 60 days for the Board's review and
 consideration.

1	7.	After this Board meeting, prior to Board st	aff's formal investigative interview with	
2	Respondent, and without completing the psychosexual evaluation, Respondent contacted Boar			
3	staff requesting to voluntarily surrender his license.			
4	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW			
5	1.	The Board has jurisdiction over Responde	nt pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251 <i>et seq</i>	
6	and the rules promulgated by the Board relating to Respondent's professional practice as			
7	licensed behavioral health professional.			
8	2.	The conduct and circumstances describe	d in the Findings of Fact constitute a	
9	violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(I), engaging in any conduct, practice or condition that impair			
10	the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession.			
11	ORDER			
12	Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, the parties agree			
13	the provision and penalties imposed as follows:			
14	1. Respondent's license, LPC-10466, shall be surrendered to the Board, effective			
15	from the date of entry as signed below.			
16	The surrender shall be considered a revocation of Respondent's license.		ation of Respondent's license.	
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18	PRO	FESSIONAL ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATE	S THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT	
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20	Floyd K. God	dfrey	Date	
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Respondent

CASE NOS. 2023-0157

2023-0158 2023-0159 2023-0163

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners ("Board") and Floyd K. Godfrey ("Respondent"), the parties enter into this Interim Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement") as an interim disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

Respondent understands and agrees that:

- 1. The Board may adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251 *et seq.* and A.R.S. § 41-1092.07(F)(5).
- 2. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Interim Consent Agreement and by doing so agrees to abide by all of its terms and conditions.
- 3. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to an administrative hearing on the matters set forth herein, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to the Interim Consent Agreement.

- 4. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of this matter or any matters that may be currently pending before the Board and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigations, actions, or proceedings. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent does not intend their acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement to constitute an admission of any fact or facts and they enter into this agreement as an interim compromise of a pending matter. Respondent further does not relinquish their rights to an administrative hearing, rehearing, review, reconsideration, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to a final disposition of this matter, unless they affirmatively does so as part of the final resolution of this matter.
- 5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Interim Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke their acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement or make any modifications to it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.
- 6. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not become effective unless and until it is adopted by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 7. Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, they will not assert in any future proceedings that the Board's consideration of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment, or other similar defense.

- 8. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of this Consent Agreement is solely to settle this Board matter and does not preclude the Board from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future. Furthermore, and notwithstanding any language in this Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement does not preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Consent Agreement makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of the state relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.
- 9. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
- their responsibility to comply with the applicable license-renewal statutes and rules. If this Interim Consent Agreement remains in effect at the time Respondent's behavioral health licenses come up for renewal, they must renew their license(s) if Respondent wishes to retain their license(s). If Respondent elects not to renew their license(s) as prescribed by statute and rule, Respondent's license(s) will not expire but rather, by operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-3202), become suspended until the Board takes final action in this matter. Once the Board takes final action, in order for Respondent to be licensed in the future, they must submit a new application for licensure and meet all of the requirements set forth in the statutes and rules at that time.

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11. Respondent understands that any violation of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct under A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(n), violating a formal order, consent agreement, term of probation or stipulated agreement, and may result in disciplinary action under A.R.S.§ 32-3281.

Respondent understands and agrees that:

INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT

- The Board is the duly constituted authority for licensing and regulating the practice of independent counseling in the State of Arizona.
 - 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. LPC-10466.
- Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into this interim consent agreement while he completes an evaluation and fully reviewed by the Board.

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board possesses subject matter and personal jurisdiction over Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251 et seq.
- 2. The Board is authorized to enter into an interim consent agreement with an independent professional counselor to limit or restrict the professional's practice in order to protect the public and ensure that the professional is able to safely engage in the practice of independent professional counseling pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3281.

INTERIM ORDER

Based on the Interim Findings of Fact and Interim Conclusions of Law, and pursuant to the authority granted to the Board under A.R.S. § 32-3281:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent shall not provide direct client services to any clients or any clinical supervision until the completion of the evaluation and the Board's full review of the evaluation and Board complaints. The Board's affirmative approval to permit

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2	any other action it deems appropriate based upon the conduct set forth in the Interim Findings				
3	of Fact.				
4	Respondent's agreement not to provide direct client services or provide clinical				
5	supervision under License No. LPC-10466 will be considered an active restriction of their				
6	license.				
7	PROFESSIONAL ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT				
8	Floyd Godfrey Floyd Godfrey (May 26, 2023 14:51 PDT) Floyd K. Godfrey	May 26, 2023 Date			
10	BOARD ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THE	S CONSENT AGREEMENT			
11	By: Moli Zarola_	May 26, 2023			
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