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# BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD

#### OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

#### In the Matter of:

Jehu H. Medina, LMSW-20693, Licensed Master Social Worker, In the State of Arizona.

#### **RESPONDENT**

**CASE NO. 2024-0093** 

# 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), Jehu H. Medina ("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**

- Respondent is the holder of License No. LMSW-20693 for the practice of social work in Arizona.
- 2. On 09/05/23, Respondent began sending the Board's Executive Director emails about an Arizona mental health page.
- 3. The emails contained profanity, accusations of racial discrimination, insults regarding the Board and staff, mention of interference with his personal devises and accounts by the Board, and mention of his private practice.
  - 4. Responded posted similar material on his private practice's Facebook page.
- 5. On 10/13/23, due to concerns regarding Respondent's communications, this matter went before the Board to open a complaint.
- The Board also ordered Respondent to get a hair follicle drug test within 10 days and a psychological evaluation within 60 days.
- 7. Upon receipt of an email copy of the Orders, Respondent responded to Board staff requesting communications cease.
- 8. Respondent failed to abide by the Order requiring a hair follicle drug test and did not communicate in regards to the Psychological Evaluation Order.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251 et seq. and the rules promulgated by the Board relating to Respondent's professional practice as a licensed behavioral health professional.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute a violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(n), failing to comply with or violating, attempting to violate or assisting in or abetting the violation of any provision of this chapter, any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, any lawful order of the board, or any formal order, consent agreement, term of probation or stipulated agreement issued under this chapter.
- 3. The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute a violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(I), engaging in any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession.

#### **ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, the parties agree to the provision and penalties imposed as follows:

- Respondent's license, LMSW-20693, shall be surrendered to the Board, effective from the date of entry as signed below.
  - 2. The surrender shall be considered a revocation of Respondent's license.

#### **Practice Termination Plan**

- 3. Within 14 days of the effective date of the Consent Agreement, Respondent shall submit a written plan for terminating their private practice for pre-approval by the Board Chair or designee. At a minimum, the proposed termination plan must include each of the following:
  - a. A written protocol for the secure storage, transfer and access of the clinical records of Respondent's clients and former clients.

1	b.	The procedure by which Respondent	shall notify each client and former client
2		in a timely manner regarding the fu	ture location of the clinical records of
3		Respondent's clients and former cli	ients and how those records can be
4		accessed after the termination of Resp	pondent's practice.
5	C.	A written protocol for developing an	appropriate referral for continuation of
6		care for Respondent's current clients.	
7	d.	A list of Respondent's current clier	nts and the timeframe for terminating
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