BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND SUPERVISION, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

In the Matter of: Debra Goldfine, Ph.D. Applicant for Licensure as a Psychologist in the State of Arizona **Application No. 16-15**

During its public meeting on October 6, 2017, the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") substantively reviewed Debra Goldfine's, Ph.D. ("Applicant") application for licensure by waiver (APP 16-15). The Applicant appeared personally and on her own behalf. After deliberation, the Board voted to offer Dr. Goldfine this Consent Agreement in lieu of further administrative proceedings.

JURISDICTION

- 1. The Board is authorized to regulate the practice of psychology in Arizona pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061, et seq.
- 2. The Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Applicant pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061, et seq.

RECITALS

Applicant understands and agrees that:

- 4. The Board and Applicant enter into this Consent Agreement to promptly and judiciously resolve this matter, consistent with the public interest and the statutory requirements of the Board.
- 5. The Board has jurisdiction over Applicant and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061 et seq.
- 6. Applicant has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Applicant has a right to a public hearing concerning this case. She further acknowledges that at such formal hearing she could present evidence and cross-examine

witnesses. Applicant irrevocably waives her right to such a hearing.

- 8. Applicant irrevocably waives any right to rehearing or review or to any judicial review or any other appeal of this matter.
- 9. This Consent Agreement shall be subject to the approval by the Board and shall be effective only when signed by the Executive Director and accepted by the Board. In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Applicant shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.
- 10. The Consent Agreement, once approved by the Board and signed by the Applicant and Executive Director, shall constitute a public record which may be disseminated as a formal action of the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 11. The Board is the duly constituted authority for licensing and regulating the practice of psychology and behavior analysis in the State of Arizona.
- 12. Applicant has submitted an application for licensure as a psychologist in the State of Arizona.
- 13. On February 1, 2016, the Board office received Applicant's application for licensure by waiver (dated January 26, 2016).
- 14. On March 8, 2016, the Board office received information that Applicant did not disclose her criminal history on the initial application. On March 10, 2016, Applicant was sent a letter asking her to address her non-disclosure, details of her criminal history and her use of the term "psychologist" on a dating website. On May 10, 2016, the Board received Applicant's response.
 - 15. On June 6, 2016, the Board's Application Review Committee (Committee)

reviewed Applicant's application in its entirety. The Committee voted to forward her application to the Board for further review.

- 16. On August 12, 2016, the Board reviewed the application and noted that Applicant received traffic violations (related to driving under the influence) on June 15, 2015, and January 25, 2016, and a traffic violation on September 22, 2015.
- 17. The Board noted that Applicant answered "no" to question #20 of the application:

Are you currently awaiting trial, under indictment, have been convicted of, pled no contest or guilty to any felony or a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic offense (a DUI is not a minor traffic offense) or ever entered into a diversion program instead of prosecution, including any convictions that have been expunged, pardoned or deleted? (If yes, please include in your explanation the status of resolution, and expected resolution date)

- 18. On September 14, 2016, the Board and Applicant entered into an Interim Consent Agreement and Order for Fitness for Duty Examinations. Additionally, the Board issued a third additional information request regarding her references, criminal history, work history, and preinternship experience. Dr. Goldfine complied with the Interim Consent Agreement and Order for Fitness for Duty Examinations and submitted the requested information.
- 19. On October 6, 2017, the Board met and reviewed Dr. Goldfine's application, subsequent information and her Fitness for Duty Reports.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

20. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2081(Q) – If the board finds that it can take rehabilitative or disciplinary action at any time during the investigative or disciplinary process, it may enter into a consent agreement with the psychologist to limit or restrict the psychologist's practice or to rehabilitate the psychologist in order to protect the public and ensure the psychologist's ability to safely engage in the practice of psychology. The board may also require the psychologist to successfully complete a board approved rehabilitative, retraining or assessment

ORDER FOR PROBATION, SUPERVISION, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

- 21. **ISSUANCE OF LICENSE:** Upon Applicant's acceptance of this Consent Agreement, as evidenced by her signature, and approved by the Board, as evidenced by the Executive Director's signature, and upon receipt of the pro-rated license fee, the Board shall issue Applicant a license to practice psychology in the State of Arizona, in accordance with this Consent Agreement.
- 22. **PROBATION:** Beginning the date of licensure, Applicant's license shall be placed on probation for a period of twenty four (24) months. Applicant may petition the Board to be released from probation after twelve (12) months. If the Applicant petitions the Board to be released from probation after twelve (12) months and before the Board grants the request, the Board shall determine whether Applicant is in compliance with the terms of the Consent Agreement and whether the conduct that lead to this Consent Agreement has been remediated satisfactorily.
- 23. SUPERVISION: Upon gaining employment or engaging in the private practice of psychology, Applicant shall notify the Board in writing of her employment status, including the place of employment, her position/title and the total hours worked each week. Further, upon gaining employment or engaging in the private practice of psychology, Applicant shall receive at least two (2) hours of individual face-to-face supervision for every twenty (20) hours worked for a minimum of six (6) months. After six (6) months, and upon the recommendation of the supervisor and approval by the Board, the supervision may be decreased to one (1) hour of individual face-to-face supervision for every twenty (20) hours worked for the duration of the probation. Applicant shall present this Consent Agreement to any potential employers. The supervisor must be a licensed psychologist in the State of Arizona.
- 24. The supervisor shall submit to the Board quarterly reports summarizing Applicant's supervision. The Supervisor shall submit to the Board a final report at the conclusion of the supervision. Upon starting supervision, Applicant shall notify the Board office in writing and

work with the Executive Director to determine when the supervision reports will be due.

- 25. <u>CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT</u>: Prior to the termination of probation, Applicant shall complete and receive a passing grade in a three (3) semester hour, or equivalent, graduate level ethics in psychology course. Within three (3) weeks of completion of the ethics course, Applicant shall submit evidence to the Board that she received a passing grade.
- 26. <u>BIOLOGICAL FLUID COLLECTION:</u> Upon licensure, Applicant shall contact TASC, Inc. and make arrangements to undergo random biological fluid collection twice monthly for no less than three (3) months. Applicant can contact TASC at:

TASC, Inc.

Drug Addiction Treatment Center

2302 N. 7th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85006

602-378-4610

During all times that Applicant is physically present in the State of Arizona, Applicant shall promptly comply with requests from TASC staff to submit to biological fluid collection. Applicant shall follow TASC's guidelines during the required three (3) month duration of biological fluid collection. The collection may be witnessed. Applicant shall arrange with TASC to have any and all biological fluid collection results sent directly to the Board office. Testing positive for substances not appropriately prescribed by a physician to Applicant shall be considered a violation of the Consent Agreement and may subject Applicant to further disciplinary proceedings.

- 27. **COMPLETION OF TERMS:** Upon completion of her probation, supervision, education requirements and biological fluid collection requirements. Applicant shall petition the Board in writing for permission to be released from the terms of the Consent Agreement. Applicant shall not be released from the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement until such time she demonstrates her full compliance with the same to the Board's satisfaction.
- 28. <u>TOLLING FOR PERIODS OF NON-PRACTICE</u>: If, for any reason, Licensee ceases practicing psychology in Arizona for more than 30 days or leaves Arizona to

reside or practice psychology outside Arizona, the periods of temporary or permanent residency or practice outside Arizona or the non-practice within Arizona do not apply to reduce the duration of probation under this Order. License shall notify the Board in writing within five days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of non-practice in Arizona.

- 29. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: Applicant understands that the foregoing Consent Agreement shall not become effective unless and until adopted by the Board of Psychologist Examiners and executed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.
- 30. **CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE ACTIONS:** Applicant understands that this Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against her.
- 31. **FINAL RESOLUTION:** This Consent Agreement constitutes a final resolution of this matter but does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, expressed or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigations, actions or proceedings. Further, this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
 - 32. **TIME:** Time is of the essence with regard to this Consent Agreement.
- 33. <u>COSTS:</u> The Applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of her compliance with this Consent Agreement.
- 34. **NON-COMPLIANCE:** If Applicant fails to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement, the Board shall properly institute proceedings for noncompliance with this Consent Agreement, which may result in disciplinary and/or remedial actions. Violation of this Consent Agreement is a violation of A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(aa), which is "violating a formal board order, consent agreement, term of probation or stipulated agreement."
- 35. <u>PUBLIC RECORD</u>: This Consent Agreement is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board.

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6	Debra Goldfine, Ph.D. Applicant Cindy Olvey, Psy.D. Executive Director
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8	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this day of December, 2017, with:
10	The Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners 1400 West Washington, Suite 240 Phoenix, Arizona 85007
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13	COPY of the foregoing mailed by Certified Mail, No. 70162140000069593803 this day of December 2017, to:
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15	Debra Goldfine, Ph.D. Address on Record
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17	COPY of the foregoing mailed by interagency service
18	this 13 day of December, 2017, to:
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20	Jeanne M. Galvin, AAG Office of the Attorney General
21	SGD/LES 1275 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007
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24	By: Heather Broaders
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2 FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA 3 4 In the Matter of: Case 16-15 5 Debra Goldfine, Ph.D. FIRST AMENDED CONSENT EMENT AND ORDER 6 Holder of License No. 004924 as a FOR PROBATION, Psychologist in the State of Arizona. NUING EDUCATION D REHABILITATION 8 9 During its public meeting on June 7, 2019, the Arizona Board of Psychologist 10 Examiners ("Board") substantively reviewed Debra Goldfine's, Ph.D. ("Licensee") 11 request for modification of the Consent Agreement and Order, effective December 19, 12 2017. The Licensee appeared telephonically and on her own behalf. The Board voted 13 to amend the Consent Agreement and Order as follows: Paragraph 23, page 4 of the 14 December 2017, Order now reads: 15 16 23. SUPERVISION: Upon gaining employment or engaging in the private practice 17 of psychology, Licensee shall notify the Board in writing of her employment status, 18 including the place of employment, her position/title and the total hours worked each 19 week. Further, upon gaining employment or engaging in the private practice of 20 psychology, Licensee shall receive at least two (2) hours of individual face-to-face 21 supervision for every forty (40) hours worked for a minimum of six (6) months. 22 Applicant shall present this Consent Agreement to any potential employers. The 23 supervisor must be a licensed psychologist in the State of Arizona. 24 25 All remaining terms and conditions not inconsistent with this amendment remain in 26 full force and effect. 27 28 DATED this 17th day of June

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Jenna Jones

Executive Director

2 3 4 Debra Goldfine, Ph.D. 5 Licensee 6 7 8 9 10 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed This al day of June, 2019, with: 11 Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners 12 1740 W. Adams Street, Ste. 3403 13 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 14 COPY of the foregoing mailed by Regular mail, 15 This 2 | day of June 2019, to: 16 Debra Goldfine, Ph.D. 17 Address on Record 18 COPY of the foregoing e-mailed 19 This 2 day of June, 2019, to: 20 Jeanne M. Galvin, AAG 21 Attorney General's Office 2005 N. Central Avenue 22 Phoenix, Arizona 85004 23 24 25 #7957827 26 27

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