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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of)

Valarie L. Hannemann, Ph.D.)

Holder of License No. 3247)
for the practice of Psychology)
in the State of Arizona)

Case No. 03-28

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
AND ORDER OF PROBATION**

On April 30, 2004, Valarie L. Hannemann, Ph.D. ("Licensee") appeared for an Informal Interview before the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") with her attorney, Larry J. Cohen. After interviewing the Licensee, based on the information presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee is the holder of license number 3247 for the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona.
2. The Board has the authority to hold an informal interview pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2081(F). After an informal interview, the Board may take action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2081(F), (G) and (H).
3. Between September 2000 and December 17, 2001, Licensee conducted 58 therapy sessions with the complainant, A.M..
4. On December 17, 2001, Licensee conducted her last therapy session with A.M.
5. Between January and April, 2002, Licensee and A.M. continued to communicate by telephone and e-mail regarding the possibility of A.M. resuming her counseling sessions with Licensee.
6. During the Board's Informal Interview, Licensee admitted that she did not use Informed Consent forms with any of her clients during the timeframe in which she was conducting therapy sessions with A.M. However, Licensee stated that she has been using Informed Consent forms for the past 18 months.

1 7. During the course of her therapy with A.M., Licensee failed to document that she
2 conducted a systematic risk assessment of A.M.

3 8. During the course of her therapy with A.M., Licensee failed to document that she
4 conducted a complete a mental status examination of A.M.

5 9. Licensee failed to provide to A.M., as a part of Informed Consent, the name of another
6 therapist whom A.M. could contact in the event Licensee was unavailable to A.M..

7 10. Licensee failed to inform A.M., in writing, of Licensee's new office address.

8 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9 1. The Board of Psychologist Examiners of the State of Arizona possesses
10 jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and Valarie L. Hannemann, Ph.D.

11 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct
12 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061(A)(13)(o) Engaging in activities as a psychologist that are unprofessional by
13 current standards of practice.

14 ORDER

15 Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED placing
16 Valarie L. Hannemann, Ph.D. on probation until she completes the following continuing education:

17 1. Six (6) hours of Category I continuing education which covers the areas of informed
18 consent, risk assessment, mental status examinations and notification to clients of office relocation. These
19 items may fall under a general continuing education category of "Risk Management". This Order shall
20 terminate upon receipt by the Board of written documentation of Licensee's completion of the continuing
21 education hours. The six (6) hours of continuing education referred to in this Order shall be in addition to
22 the continuing education hours required for license renewal.

23 **NOTE: In order to be eligible for appeal ("judicial review") pursuant to Arizona**
24 **Revised Statutes §§ 12-901 through 12-914, you are required to exhaust your**
25 **administrative remedies by filing a Motion for Rehearing or Review with the Board**
26 **within thirty-five days after these Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of**
27 **Probation are mailed to you. The mailing date is indicated on the mailing certificate**
28 **below. If you do not file a Motion for Rehearing or Review within those 35 days, you**

1 will be prohibited from appealing to superior court ("seeking judicial review") of the
2 Board's decision. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B). The Board's administrative rule regarding
3 rehearing or review is A.A.C. 4-26-308, available on the Board's website,
4 www.psychboard.az.gov. The Board may grant rehearing or review on the grounds
5 stated in A.A.C. 4-26-308(C). If you file a motion for rehearing or review, it must specify
6 the particular grounds for rehearing or review, and should state the facts or law that
7 support those grounds. This Order will become effective 35 days after the date of
8 mailing, unless you file a Motion for Rehearing or Review pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-
9 1092.09 and A.A.C. 4-26-308(C) within that time period. If you file a timely Motion for
10 Rehearing or Review, the Order will become effective at the time the Board rules on the
11 motion.

12 Dated this 21st day of May, 2004.

13 STATE OF ARIZONA BOARD OF
14 PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

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43 Findings of Fact/order of probation-Hannemann 03/28