

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

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4 In the Matter of:

Case No. 20-40

5 **Robyn Hall, Psy.D.,**

6 Holder of License No. PSY-005008
7 **(Summarily Suspended)**
8 For the Practice of Psychology
9 In the State of Arizona.

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND
CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
SURRENDER OF PSYCHOLOGIST
LICENSE**

10 In the interest of a prompt and judicious settlement of the above-captioned matter before the
11 Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") and consistent with public interest, statutory
12 requirements and responsibilities of the Board and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061 *et seq.*, and A.R.S.
13 § 41-1092.07(F)(5), Robyn Kathleen Hall, Psy.D. ("Respondent"), holder of License No. PSY-
14 005008 and the Board enter into this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender ("Consent
15 Agreement") as the final disposition of this matter.
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17 **JURISDICTION**

18 1. The Board is authorized to regulate the practice of psychology in Arizona pursuant
19 to A.R.S. § 32-2061, *et. seq.*, and the rules promulgated thereunder, found in Arizona
20 Administrative Code ("A.A.C." or "rules") at R4-26-101, *et seq.*, to regulate and control the
21 licensing of psychologists in the State of Arizona.
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23 2. Respondent is the holder of license number PSY-005008 for the practice of
24 psychology in the State of Arizona.
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26 3. The Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Respondent pursuant
27 to A.R.S. § 32-2061, *et seq.*, and the rules of A.A.C. R4-26-101, *et seq.*
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1 action of the Board and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

2 10. Although Respondent does not agree that all the Findings of Fact set forth in this
3 Consent Agreement are supported by the evidence, Respondent acknowledges that it is the
4 Board's position that, if this matter proceeded to formal hearing, the Board could establish
5 sufficient evidence to support a conclusion that certain of Respondent's conduct constituted
6 unprofessional conduct.

7 11. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Consent Agreement for the purpose of
8 avoiding the expense, uncertainty, and prolonged time involved in further administrative
9 proceedings. The issues contained herein are resolved by settlement and not actually litigated.
10 Any allegations and findings herein may not be used *for res judicata* or collateral estoppel effect
11 in any subsequent civil proceedings for any claims of professional liability or negligence by or on
12 behalf of Complainant(s).

14 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

15 1. Respondent is a licensed psychologist in the State of Arizona, license number 5008.
16 She has been licensed in Arizona since September 6, 2018.

17 2. On March 4, 2020, the Board received a complaint from another psychologist
18 alleging that Dr. Hall failed to timely submit certain reports and/or documents as part of evaluations
19 that she conducted. In her written response to the Board (dated May 6, 2020), Respondent
20 acknowledges that she failed to submit the evaluations in a timely manner as alleged in the
21 complaint but states that the failure was unintentional. She explained that she has been "coping with
22 an undiagnosed medical condition since early January 2020 and that has gotten progressively
23 worse." More specific information is contained within the Board's files.

24 3. After receiving Respondent's written response, the Board's Deputy Director reached
25 out to Respondent for additional information. Emails to Respondent have gone unanswered and
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1 when Staff has attempted to reach Respondent on her cell phone, there is a recording that says the
2 phone is temporarily out of service.

3 4. Contemporaneously with the Board's attempts to reach Respondent, Staff received
4 information from another psychologist who rented office space to Respondent. That psychologist
5 provided information to the Board that suggests Respondent may not be safe to practice psychology,
6 the specifics of which are contained in the Board's files.

8 5. The Board held a public meeting on May 28, 2020, to consider the summary
9 suspension of Respondent's license to practice psychology. Despite having been notified of the
10 meeting, Respondent failed to appear. At the conclusion of its consideration of the allegations
11 against Respondent, the Board found that the allegations required emergency action to protect the
12 public health, safety and welfare and voted to summarily suspend Respondent's license and refer
13 the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a formal hearing.

15 6. The Board also issued an Interim Order For Substance Use/Fitness for Duty
16 Evaluation ("Interim Order"), requiring that Respondent complete the evaluation within forty-five
17 days of the effective date of the Interim Order; schedule an appointment within ten days of the
18 effective date of the Interim Order; and notify the Executive Director in writing of the name of the
19 evaluator and date of the evaluation within five days of scheduling.

21 7. Respondent failed to schedule an appointment with a Board-approved evaluator for
22 the evaluation and contact the Executive Director, as required in the Interim Order.

24 8. Respondent elected to voluntarily surrender her psychologist license in lieu of
25 proceeding to a formal hearing and completing the Interim Order.

27 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(g), engaging or offering to engage as a psychologists in activities that are not congruent with the psychologist's professional education, training and experience.

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(o), providing services that are unnecessary or unsafe or otherwise engaging in activities as a psychologist that are unprofessional by current standards of practice.

3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(aa), violating a formal board order, consent agreement, term of probation or stipulated agreement.

ORDER

Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2081(S) the Board has determined that the Respondent's conduct in Complaint No. 20-40 warrants disciplinary action. Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties agree to the provisions and penalties imposed as follows:

1. Upon the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent's license number PSY-005008 for the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona **shall be surrendered**. Once the surrender is effectuated, **Respondent shall not practice psychology in the State of Arizona or hold herself out as a licensed psychologist in the State of Arizona**. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Consent Agreement is accepted by the Board as evidenced by the signature of the Board's Executive Director.

2. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement for the purpose of avoiding the expense and uncertainty of an administrative hearing.

1 4. Respondent understands that she has the right to a public administrative hearing
2 concerning each and every allegation set forth in the above-captioned matter, at which
3 administrative hearing she could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into
4 this Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to such
5 administrative hearing, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial
6 review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters set forth herein.
7 Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.
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9 5. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be
10 considered in any future disciplinary action against her or in any future decision regarding re-
11 licensure.
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13 6. The parties agree that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or
14 resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any
15 waiver, expressed or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other
16 pending or future investigation, action or proceeding. Respondent also understands that acceptance
17 of the Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this state
18 from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is subject of this
19 Consent Agreement. The parties agree that this Consent Agreement is a final adjudication of case
20 20-40.
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22 7. Respondent understands that the foregoing Consent Agreement shall not become
23 effective unless and until adopted by the Board and executed on behalf of the Board. Any
24 modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by both
25 parties in writing.
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27 8. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is a public record and may be
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publicly disseminated in a formal action of the Board and shall be reported to the National
Psychological Data Bank.

DATE: 20th day of July, 2020
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Arizona Board of
Psychologist Examiners

Robyn Hall (PsyD)
Robyn Hall, PsyD
Respondent

Heidi Herbst-Parkinson
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Executive Director

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**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
LICENSE**

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10 This matter came before the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners (“Board”) on May 28, 2020, during a public meeting at which time the Board convened and considered the possible summary suspension of Robyn Hall’s (“Respondent’s”) license to practice psychology in the State of Arizona. Respondent was properly noticed but did/did not appear.

13 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

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2 information from Stacy LaMorgese, PsyD, who rented office space to Respondent. Dr.
3 LaMorgese provided information to the Board that suggested Respondent may not be safe to
4 practice psychology, the specifics of which are contained in the Board's files.

5 5. The Board finds that the above Interim Findings of Fact require emergency action to
6 protect the public health, safety and welfare.

7 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 The Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction in this case under A.R.S. § 32-
9 2061 *et seq.*, and is authorized to summarily suspend any license based on emergent conditions
10 and circumstances under A.R.S. § 32-2081(I).

11 The conduct and circumstances alleged in the Interim Findings of Fact constitute a
12 violation of A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(l), practicing psychology while impaired or incapacitated to
13 the extent and in a manner that jeopardizes the welfare of the client or patient or renders the
14 psychological services ineffective.

15 **FINDINGS OF EMERGENCY AND ORDER**

16 Based on the Interim Findings of Fact and the Interim Conclusions of Law as set forth
17 above, the Board finds that the public health, welfare and safety require emergency action.

18 **NOW IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that License No. 5008 issued to Robyn Hall is
19 hereby summarily suspended effective upon service of this Order.

20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that such suspension shall remain in effect until the
21 conclusion of the formal hearing to be set in approximately thirty-five (35) days and a final
22 decision and order issued by the Board.

1 DATED this 28th day of May, 2020.

2 ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF
3 PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

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**INTERIM ORDER FOR SUBSTANCE
USE/FITNESS FOR DUTY
EVALUATION**

Pursuant to the authority found in A.R.S. §32-2081(G), the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners issues this Interim Order for Substance Use/Fitness for Duty Evaluation (“Interim Order”) to Robyn Hall, holder of license no. 5008 for the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona.

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7 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 The Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction in this case under A.R.S. § 32-
9 2061 *et seq.*, and is authorized to rehabilitate or discipline licensees who engage in
10 unprofessional conduct (A.R.S. §§32-2063 and -2081) and to require a licensee to undergo
11 any combination of mental, physical or psychological competence examinations at the licensee's
12 expense and shall conduct investigations necessary to determine the competence and conduct of
13 the licensee pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2081(G).

14 **ORDER OF EVALUATION**

15 Based upon the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Interim Conclusions of Law, the
16 Board issues the following Order:

17 Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Interim Order, Respondent shall
18 schedule an appointment with one of the Board-approved providers listed below for a substance
19 use/fitness for duty evaluation. As part of the evaluation, the provider shall opine on
20 Respondent's fitness for duty. The evaluation shall be completed within forty-five (45) days of
21 the effective date of this Interim Order unless otherwise extended one time by the
22 Executive Director upon showing of good cause. Within five (5) days of scheduling the
23 evaluation, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of the name of the evaluator and the
24 date/time of the evaluation. The effective date of this Interim Order is the date it is signed by
25 the Board's Executive Director. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ONE OR MORE OF**
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1 **THESE TERMS SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF A BOARD ORDER**
2 **AND MAY RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF RESPONDENT’S LICENSE.**

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12 400 East Pinnacle Peak Road, Suite 206, Scottsdale, AZ 85255
13 Phone: 480-993-3303
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15 5. Respondent shall ensure that the evaluator submits his/her final report to the
16 Board office as soon as it is complete, but no more than 20 days from the date the evaluation.
17 Respondent shall present this Interim Order to the evaluator prior to the date of the evaluation, or
18 at the time of the evaluation, as directed by the evaluator.

19 6. COMMUNICATION WITH EVALUATOR: Because Respondent is undergoing
20 the evaluation pursuant to a Board Order, she shall instruct any attorney retained on her behalf
21 not to contact the evaluator. Any questions or concerns must be addressed to Board staff.

22 7. CLIENT: The evaluator is conducting an evaluation solely for the benefit of the
23 Board and is not treating Respondent as a client or patient. There is no doctor/patient
24 relationship between the evaluator and Respondent.

25 8. COSTS: All costs associated with the compliance with his Interim Order and
26 completion of the evaluation is the sole responsibility of Respondent, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-
2081(G)).

1 9. RELEASES: Respondent shall sign, authorize and complete any and all releases
2 necessary as requested by the evaluator to help ensure a complete and thorough evaluation and to
3 ensure the report is properly released to the Board as set forth above.

4 10. FINAL WRITTEN REPORT: The Board authorizes the Executive Director to
5 contact the evaluator to request the final report in writing for the Board's review. All results of
6 the evaluation are the sole property of the Board.

7 11. FAILURE TO COMPLY: Failure to timely comply with this Interim Order
8 constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action against Respondent by
9 the Board.

10 12. Time is of the essence with regard to this Interim Order.

11 13. If Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this Interim Order, the Board shall
12 properly institute proceedings for noncompliance which may result in suspension, revocation, or
13 other disciplinary and/or remedial actions. Any violation of this Interim Order is a violation of
14 A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(aa), which is violating a formal board order or consent agreement.

15 14. This Interim Order does not constitute a final resolution of this or other matters
16 currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or
17 implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future
18 investigation, action or proceeding.

19 15. This foregoing Interim Order becomes effective upon signature of the Executive
20 Director on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is effective and
21 void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.

22 16. This Interim Order is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a
23 formal action of the Board and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

1 Dated this 28th day of May, 2020.

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3 By:



4 Heidi Herbst Paakkonen
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6 Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners

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