# BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF: CASE No. 2016-10

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE AND FITNESS FOR DUTY EXAMINATIONS

Respondent

BARRIE WAGNER, Psy.D.

For the Practice of Psychology

Holder of License No. 3269

In the State of Arizona,

In the interest of a prompt and judicious settlement of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") and consistent with public interest, statutory requirements and responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S.§ 32-2061 *et seq.* and A.R.S. §41-1092.07(F)(5), Barrie Wagner Psy.D. ("Respondent"), holder of License No. 3269 and the Board enter into this Interim Consent Agreement and Order for Voluntary Suspension of License and Fitness for Duty Examinations ("Interim Consent Agreement and Order") as an interim resolution of this matter until such time a final order is entered by the Board.

On March 10, 2016, the Board held a public meeting (telephonic) to discuss the above-captioned matter. Respondent was properly noticed and appeared personally and with legal counsel, Faren Akins (telephonically). At the conclusion of the Board's consideration of the issues, the parties agreed to enter into this Interim Consent Agreement until the conclusion of final administrative proceedings.

# **JURISDICTION**

1. The Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") is the state agency authorized pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061 *et seq.*, and the rules promulgated thereunder, found in the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C." or "rules") at R4-26-

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25 26 101 et seq., to regulate and control the licensing of psychologists and behavior analysts in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent holds a license to practice psychology in the State of Arizona, License No. 3269.

#### INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Respondent understands and agrees that:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061 et seq.
- 2. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Interim Consent Agreement and Order.
- 3. Respondent 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. Respondent irrevocably waives her right to such a hearing as it relates to this Interim Consent Agreement and Order.
- 4. Respondent irrevocably waives any right to rehearing or review or to any judicial review or any other appeal of this Interim Consent Agreement and Order.
- 5. This Interim Consent Agreement and Order shall be subject to the approval of the Board and shall be effective only when signed by the Executive Director. In the event that the Board does not approve this Interim Consent Agreement and Order, 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 Interim Consent Agreement and Order 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 any records relating thereto.
- 6. The Interim Consent Agreement and Order, once approved by the Board and signed by the Respondent, shall constitute a public record which may be

disseminated as a formal action of the Board and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

The following Interim Findings of Fact are no more and no less than allegations which have not been proven. By signing this Interim Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent has not admitted to the allegations but does acknowledge that if this matter were to proceed to a formal hearing the Board would offer evidence to the trier of fact in support of the allegations.

#### **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent is a licensed psychologist in the State of Arizona, license number 3269. She has been licensed in Arizona since August of 1998.
- 2. Evidence obtained by the Board indicates that Respondent may suffer from a mental, psychological and/or physiological condition that impedes her ability to safely practice psychology, the specifics of which are maintained in the Board file.

## INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

The conduct and circumstances alleged in the Interim Findings of Fact constitute a violation of A.R.S. § 32-2061(15)(l), practicing psychology while impaired or incapacitated to the extent and in a manner that jeopardizes the welfare of the client or patient or renders the psychological services provided ineffective.

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## ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties agree to the following Order:

- 1. Beginning on the effective date of this Interim Consent Agreement and Order, which is the date the Interim Consent Agreement and Order is accepted by the Board as evidenced by the signature of the Executive Director, Respondent's License to practice psychology, license no. 3269 is SUSPENDED.
- 2. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not practice psychology as defined in A.R.S. §32-2061(9) or hold herself out as a practicing psychologist or in any way convey to the public that she holds an active license to practice psychology.
- 3. The suspension of Respondent's license shall continue until such time the Board enters a final order with respect to this matter after a formal hearing or acceptance of a Consent Agreement and Order as a final resolution of the matter.
- 4. Prior to the lifting of the suspension of Respondent's license, Respondent shall undergo a psychiatric evaluation, a psychological evaluation and a full physical examination. As part of the evaluations/examinations, each of the three providers shall offer an opinion as to whether Respondent may safely engage in the practice of psychology.
- 5. **Psychiatric Evaluation:** Respondent shall obtain an independent psychiatric evaluation relating to any possible impairment issues resulting from her mental health or other condition(s), including whether Respondent is fit to practice psychology and whether Respondent has any substance abuse issues, including alcohol or

other drugs. [A.R.S. 32-2081(G)] This evaluation shall be completed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

6. **Selection of Psychiatric Evaluator:** Within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall make arrangements with the following psychiatrist to conduct the psychiatric evaluation:

Payam Sadr, M.D. 8130 E. Cactus Road, Suite 520 Scottsdale, AZ 85260 480-261-5015

Respondent shall notify the Board staff in writing of the date(s) that she is scheduled to undergo the psychiatric evaluation.

Respondent shall ensure that the psychiatrist submits his final report to the Board office as soon as it is complete, but no more than 30 days from the date of the evaluation. Respondent shall present this Consent Agreement and Order to the psychiatrist prior to the date of the full psychiatric evaluation, or at the time of the evaluation, as directed by the psychiatrist.

7. **Psychological Evaluation.** Respondent shall obtain an independent psychological evaluation relating to any possible impairment issues resulting from mental health or other conditions, including whether Respondent is fit to practice psychology and whether Respondent has any substance abuse issues, including alcohol or other drugs. [A.R.S. 32-2081(G)] This evaluation shall be completed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order.

8. **Selection of Psychological Evaluator.** Within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent shall make arrangements with one of the following psychologists to conduct the psychological evaluation:

Gary Perrin, Ph.D. 7624 N. La Cholla Blvd Tucson, AZ 85741 (520) 797-6691

Paul Kaufman, Ph.D. 1845 W. Orange Grove Road, Suite 111 Tucson, AZ 85704 520-621-5066

Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D. 668 E. Weckl Place Tucson, AZ 85704 520-906-0366

Within three (3) days of her selection of an evaluator, Respondent shall notify the Board staff in writing of her evaluator of choice and provide the staff with the date(s) that she is scheduled to undergo the psychological evaluation.

Respondent shall ensure that the evaluator submits his final report to the Board office as soon as it is complete, but no more than 30 days from the date of the evaluation. Respondent shall present this Consent Agreement and Order to the evaluator prior to the date of the psychological evaluation, or at the time of the evaluation, as directed by the psychologist.

9. **Physical Examination:** Respondent shall obtain an independent full physical examination within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Order. (A.R.S. § 32-2081(G)]

Respondent shall seek *preapproval* from the Board's Executive Director of the physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy) who Respondent seeks to perform the required examination. Within three (3) days of her selection of a physician, Respondent shall notify the Board staff in writing of her physician of choice and provide the staff with the date(s) that she is scheduled to undergo the physical examination.

Respondent shall ensure that the physician submits his/her final report to the Board office as soon as it is complete, but no more than 30 days from the date of the examination. The final report shall include the physician's opinion as to the appropriateness of Respondent practicing psychology and whether she has a physical condition(s) that would impede her ability to practice safely. Respondent shall present this Consent Agreement and Order to the physician prior to the date of the full physical examination, or at the time of the examination, as directed by the physician.

- 10. Communication with Evaluator: Because Respondent is undergoing the psychiatric, psychological and full physical evaluations/examinations under Board Order, she shall instruct any attorney retained on her behalf not to contact the evaluators/examiners. Any questions or concerns must be addressed to Board staff.
- 11. **Client:** The evaluators are conducting the psychiatric, psychological and physical evaluations/examinations solely for the benefit of the Board, are not treating Respondent as a client or patient, and there is no doctor/patient relationship between the evaluators/examiners and Respondent.

- 12. **Costs:** All costs associated with the compliance with this Order and completion of the evaluations/examinations are the sole responsibility of Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2081(G).
- 13. **Releases:** Respondent shall sign, authorize and complete any and all releases necessary as requested by the evaluators/examiners to help ensure a complete and thorough evaluation/examination and to ensure the reports are properly released to the Board as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Consent Agreement and Order.
- 14. **Final Written Report:** The Board authorizes the Executive Director to contact any and all evaluators/examiners to request the final reports in writing for the Board's review. All results of the psychiatric, psychological and full physical evaluations/examinations are the sole property of the Board, and shall be released to the Board prior to release to the Respondent or any attorney retained on her behalf.
  - 15. **Effective Date:** This Order shall be effective on the date of entry below.
- 16. **Time Extension:** Respondent may contact the Board, in writing, to request a one-time extension of 30 days, for the completion of the fitness for duty evaluations/examinations, to be approved by the Board's Executive Director.
- 17. **Failure to Comply**: Failure to timely comply with this Consent Agreement and Order may constitute unprofessional conduct and result in disciplinary action against the Respondent by the Board.
- 18. The required evaluations/examinations set forth in paragraphs 5-9 shall be completed no later than 90 days from the effective date of this Interim Consent

Agreement and Order. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with the evaluations/examinations. Respondent shall cause the original of the evaluation/examination reports to be sent directly to the Board within 30 days of the completion of the evaluation/examination.

- 19. Respondent's license to practice psychology shall not be fully restored unless and until the Board determines in its sole discretion that Respondent may safely engage in the practice of psychology. Respondent understands that should the Board lift the suspension of her license, the Board may order that she return to practice on a limited basis and/or under certain terms and conditions.
- 20. Respondent's license to practice psychology expires on April 30, 2017. Pursuant to the terms of this Interim Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent's license remains indefinitely suspended unless and until otherwise ordered by this Board. In the unlikely event there is no final order entered in this matter at time Respondent's license expires and Respondent fails to timely submit an application for renewal, her license remains suspended pursuant to the terms of this Order. If Respondent seeks timely renewal of her license and the Board grants her application for renewal, the license shall automatically be placed on indefinite suspension until such time the Board orders otherwise. The Board reserves the right to take other administrative action against Respondent's application for renewal, including denial of the same, in the event circumstances arise that justify such denial.

- 21. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and Order as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement and Order with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to do so.
- 22. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement and Order, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against her.
  - 23. Time is of the essence with regard to this agreement.
- 24. If Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this Interim Consent Agreement and Order, the Board shall properly institute proceedings for noncompliance with this Interim Consent Agreement and Order, which may result in suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary and/or remedial actions. Respondent agrees that any violation of this Interim Consent Agreement and Order is a violation of A.R.S. § 32-2061(15)(aa), which is violating a formal board order or consent agreement.
- 25. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement and Order does not constitute a final resolution of this or other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement and Order 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 Interim Consent Agreement and Order.
- 26. Respondent understands that the foregoing Interim Consent Agreement and Order becomes effective upon signature of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board.

DR **BARR**IE R. WAGNER

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