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BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE PSYCHOLOGIST
EXAMINING BOARD

In the Matter of:)
LESLIE WESTFIELD-METELLUS, Ph.D.)
Psychologist License No. 1727)
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Case No. 97-12-A
**CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND ORDER**

This matter came before the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") on February 6, 1998, for consideration to determine whether grounds existed for the imposition of discipline against LESLIE WESTFIELD-METELLUS, Ph.D. ("licensee"). Licensee was represented by Stephen Myers, Attorney at Law. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General, Kristen E. Hoffmeyer. The proceedings in this matter are governed by A.R.S. §32-2081 and §32-2082.

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of the above-captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and the responsibilities of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners and pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1061(D), the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of this matter.

The parties stipulate to the following General Findings, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order as the final disposition of this matter.

GENERAL FINDINGS

1. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061, et seq.
2. Licensee understands that she has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this consent agreement.
3. Licensee waives any right to rehearing or review or to any judicial review or any other appeal of these matters.
4. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order will be effective only upon its acceptance by the Board.

1 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 5. Licensee acknowledges that sufficient evidence exists for the Board to make the
3 following findings of fact in regard to case no. 97-12-A:

4 a. Licensee holds license No. 1727 with the Arizona State Board of
5 Psychologist Examiners.

6 b. At all times relevant hereto, Licensee was a licensed psychologist.

7 c. Licensee allowed a client (Ms. M) to take home an MMPI-II to complete
8 and return at a later time, compromising the integrity of the test.

9 d. Licensee incorrectly or improperly interpreted the results of Ms. M's
10 MMPI-II. This led to the inclusion of inappropriate conclusions regarding Ms. M in the
11 psychological evaluation report which was authored by Licensee.

12 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

13 6. Based upon the above findings of fact, the Board determined that the conduct and
14 circumstances in paragraph 5 constituted a violation of A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(o), which prohibits
15 "providing services that are unnecessary or unsafe or otherwise engaging in activities as a
16 psychologist that are unprofessional by current standards of practice."

17 **ORDER**

18 7. Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties
19 hereby agree to the provisions imposed as follows:

20 a. Within six (6) months from the date this agreement is accepted by the
21 Board, Licensee shall complete twelve (12) hours of continuing education, six (6) of which shall
22 relate to the administration and interpretation of the MMPI-2. The twelve (12) hours shall be in
23 addition to the continuing education requirements set forth in R4-26-207.

24 b. Licensee shall not perform any psychological evaluations or assessments
25 until she has completed the aforementioned twelve (12) hours of continuing education.

26 c. Upon written verification submitted to the Board by Licensee that she has
27 completed the twelve (12) hours of continuing education, the terms of this Order shall terminate.

28 8. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct

1 pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(aa), and is grounds for disciplinary action.

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3 ORDERED/ACCEPTED this 21st day of April, 1998.

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5 ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST
6 EXAMINERS

7 By: Maxine McCarthy
8 Maxine McCarthy
9 Executive Director

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11 Accepted this 16 day of April, 1998:

12 Leslie Westfield Metellus
13 Leslie Westfield Metellus, Ph.D.
14 Licensee

15 Stephen Myers
16 Stephen Myers
17 Attorney for Licensee

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