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BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD

OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

Thomas G. Macewicz, LPC-16739, Licensed Professional Counselor, In the State of Arizona.

RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 2017-0134

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR ORDER OF CENSURE

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of the above captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and responsibilities of the Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners ("Board"), and pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3281(F) and 41-1092.07(F)(5), Thomas G. Macewicz ("Respondent") and the Board enter into this Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

Respondent understands and agrees that:

- 1. Any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board concerning the allegations, and all related materials and exhibits may be retained in the Board's file pertaining to this matter.
- 2. Respondent has the right to a formal administrative hearing at which Respondent can present evidence and cross examine the State's witnesses. Respondent hereby irrevocably waives their right to such formal hearing concerning these allegations and irrevocably waives their right to any rehearing or judicial review relating to the allegations contained in this Consent Agreement.
- Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement.

- 4. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke their acceptance of this Consent Agreement or make any modifications to it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.
- 5. The findings contained in the Findings of Fact portion of this Consent Agreement are conclusive evidence of the facts stated herein and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.
- 6. This Consent Agreement is subject to the Board's approval, and will be effective only when the Board accepts it. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value, nor shall it be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by any party hereto, except that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement 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 of any records relating thereto.
- 7. Respondent understands that once the Board approves and signs this Consent Agreement, it is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
- 8. Respondent further understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(n) and may result in disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3281.
- 9. The Board therefore retains jurisdiction over Respondent and may initiate disciplinary action against Respondent if it determines that they have failed to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement or of the practice act.

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The Board issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is the holder of License No. LPC-16739 for the practice of counseling in Arizona.
- 2. On 04/05/17, Respondent submitted a letter of resignation to the behavioral health agency that employed him.
 - According to Respondent:
 - a. Shortly after resigning, Respondent helped open another behavioral health agency ("Agency") with two other licensees.
 - At Agency, Respondent and the other licensees work independently of each other.
 - c. Agency is an equal partnership business.
- 4. Respondent acknowledges that for approximately 1 month, from 05/17 06/17, while he still possessed a lower level license, Respondent was working without supervision.
- 5. In addition, upon opening Agency, Respondent entered into a business ownership relation with another lower level licensee.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251 et seq.
 and the rules promulgated by the Board relating to Respondent's professional practice as a
 licensed behavioral health professional.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute a violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(m), engaging or offering to engage as a licensee in activities that are not congruent with the licensee's professional education, training or experience.
- 3. The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute a violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(n), failing to comply with or violating, attempting to violate or

assisting or abetting the violation of any provision of this chapter, any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, any lawful order of the board, or any formal order, consent agreement, term of probation or stipulated agreement issued under this chapter as it relates to:

- a. A.A.C. R4-6-210, Practice Limitations.
- b. A.A.C. R4-6-211(A), Direct Supervision, Supervised Work

Experience: General.

ORDER of CENSURE

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties agree to the provisions and penalties imposed as follows:

- 1. Respondent is hereby censured, which is an official action against their license, for their conduct as set forth in the Findings of Fact.
 - 2. This Consent Agreement shall be effective on the date of entry below.
- 3. This Consent Agreement is conclusive evidence of the matters described herein and may be considered by the Board in determining appropriate sanctions in the event a subsequent violation occurs.

PROFESSIONAL ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Thomas G. Macewicz Date

11/8/17-Date

BOARD ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Dated this 13th day of Marenber, 2017.

By:

TOBI ZAVALA, Executive Director

Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

2	This 13th day of 15 mm 16, 2017 with:	
3	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners 3443 N. Central Ave., Suite 1700 Phoenix, AZ 85012	
5	COPY of the foregoing mailed via Interagency Mail This Aday of Toumble , 2017, to:	
6 7 8	Marc Harris Assistant Attorney General 1275 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007	
9	COPY of the foregoing mailed via Certified mail no. 10111450 000086 890202 This BH day of Newmber , 2017, to:	_;
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