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BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD
OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:
Joseph R. Broussard,
LPC-12927, LISAC-11862,
Licensed Professional Counselor,
Licensed Independent Substance Abuse
Counselor,
In the State of Arizona.

CASE NO. 2020-0096
CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

RESPONDENT

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), Joseph R. Broussard, ("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.

1 3. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this
2 Consent Agreement.

3 4. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Consent
4 Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke their
5 acceptance of this Consent Agreement or make any modifications to it. Any modification of this
6 original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.

7 5. The findings contained in the Findings of Fact portion of this Consent Agreement
8 are conclusive evidence of the facts stated herein between only Respondent and the Board for
9 the final disposition of this matter and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any
10 future disciplinary matter.

11 6. This Consent Agreement is subject to the Board's approval, and will be effective
12 only when the Board accepts it. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this
13 Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value,
14 nor shall it be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by any party hereto, except
15 that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case
16 proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its
17 review and discussion of this document or of any records relating thereto.

18 7. Respondent understands that once the Board approves and signs this Consent
19 Agreement, it is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the
20 Board, and that it shall be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

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

22 FINDINGS OF FACT

23 1. Respondent is the holder of License Nos. LPC-12927 and LISAC-11862 for the
24 practice of professional counseling and substance abuse counseling in the State of Arizona.

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- 1 2. In 02/20, the Board received a complaint from Respondent's former client
- 2 ("Client"), which alleged, among other things, the following:
- 3 a. From 2016 – 2018, Respondent provided behavioral health services to Client.
- 4 b. Within a month of terminating services, Respondent and Client began a
- 5 sexual relationship.
- 6 c. For approximately one year, Respondent and Client engaged in an
- 7 intermittent sexual relationship.
- 8 3. Respondent acknowledges engaging in a sexual conduct with Client.

9 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10 1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251 *et seq.*

11 and the rules promulgated by the Board relating to Respondent's professional practice as a

12 licensed behavioral health professional.

13 2. The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute a

14 violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(v), engaging in any sexual conduct between a client and a

15 former client.

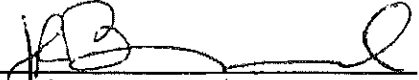
16 ORDER

17 Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, the parties agree to

18 the provision and penalties imposed as follows:

- 19 1. Respondent's licenses, LPC-12927 and LISAC-11862, shall be surrendered to
- 20 the Board, effective from the date of entry as signed below.
- 21 2. The surrender shall be considered a revocation of Respondent's license.

22 PROFESSIONAL ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT

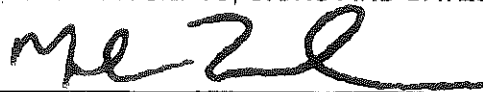
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Joseph R. Broussard

25 3/19/20
Date

BOARD ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT

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2 By:



04/13/20

3 TOBI ZAVALA, Executive Director
Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Date

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5 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
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