

1 4. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not
2 constitute a dismissal or resolution of this matter or any matters that may be currently pending
3 before the Board and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's
4 statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigations, actions,
5 or proceedings. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Interim Consent
6 Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from
7 instituting civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this
8 Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent does not intend their acceptance of this Interim
9 Consent Agreement to constitute an admission of any fact or facts and they enter into this
10 agreement as an interim compromise of a pending matter. Respondent further does not
11 relinquish their rights to an administrative hearing, rehearing, review, reconsideration, judicial
12 review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to a
13 final disposition of this matter, unless they affirmatively does so as part of the final resolution of
14 this matter.

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

20 6. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not become
21 effective unless and until it is adopted by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

22 7. Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board does not adopt this
23 Interim Consent Agreement, they will not assert in any future proceedings that the Board's
24 consideration of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment, or
25 other similar defense.

1 8. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of this Consent
2 Agreement is solely to settle this Board matter and does not preclude the Board from instituting
3 other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future. Furthermore, and
4 notwithstanding any language in this Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement does not
5 preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from
6 instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now
7 or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not
8 limited to violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other
9 than with respect to the Board, this Consent Agreement makes no representations, implied or
10 otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political
11 subdivision of the state relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.

12 9. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement is a public record
13 that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall be reported
14 as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

15 10. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not alleviate
16 their responsibility to comply with the applicable license-renewal statutes and rules. If this
17 Interim Consent Agreement remains in effect at the time Respondent's behavioral health
18 licenses come up for renewal, they must renew their license(s) if Respondent wishes to retain
19 their license(s). If Respondent elects not to renew their license(s) as prescribed by statute and
20 rule, Respondent's license(s) will not expire but rather, by operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-3202),
21 become suspended until the Board takes final action in this matter. Once the Board takes final
22 action, in order for Respondent to be licensed in the future, they must submit a new application
23 for licensure and meet all of the requirements set forth in the statutes and rules at that time.

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1 Richard A. Hoversten
2 Address of Record
3 Respondent

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