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BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD
OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

Suaye Anna M. Valenti, LCSW-11769,
Licensed Clinical Social Worker;
LISAC-11605, Licensed Independent
Substance Abuse Counselor,
In the State of Arizona.

RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 2016-0057

CONSENT AGREEMENT

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), Suaye Anna M. Valenti ("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 and may be used for purposes of determining
9 sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

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12 Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value,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

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

20 8. Respondent further understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement
21 constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3251(16)(n) and may result in
22 disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3281.

23 9. The Board therefore retains jurisdiction over Respondent and may initiate
24 disciplinary action against Respondent if it determines that they have failed to comply with the
25 terms of this Consent Agreement or of the practice act.

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

2 FINDINGS OF FACT

3 1. Respondent is the holder of License Nos. LCSW-11769 and LISAC-11605 for the
4 practice of social work and substance abuse counseling in Arizona.

5 2. From 10/13 – 01/14, Respondent provided individual counseling to a female
6 client ("Client").

7 3. During three of Client's sessions, Client's husband ("Husband") was present.

8 4. Respondent indicated Husband attended Client's sessions as a collateral
9 participant.

10 5. Considering Husband's role as a collateral participant, it appears problematic
11 that:

12 a. Respondent did not document the purpose of Husband's involvement in
13 Client's treatment.

14 b. Respondent had Husband complete the Sexual Dependency Inventory
15 Revised Questionnaire.

16 6. Respondent's clinical documentation for Client's treatment was deficient as
17 follows:

18 a. The treatment plan was missing various required elements.

19 b. The progress notes were missing various required elements.

20 c. The purpose of Husband's involvement in Client's treatment was not
21 documented in any of the progress notes for the three sessions he
22 attended.

23 d. The clinical record did not document Husband's completion of a sexual
24 inventory questionnaire.

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PROFESSIONAL ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Suaye Anna M. Valenti
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May 11, 2017
Date

BOARD ACCEPTS, SIGNS AND DATES THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Dated this 12th day of May, 2017.

By: Tobi Zavala
TOBI ZAVALA, Executive Director
Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

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