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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OF THE STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF)
RONALD LYLE CHRISTENSEN) STIPULATION AND ORDER
TO PRACTICE AS A MARRIAGE)
AND FAMILY THERAPIST) CASE NO DOPL 2011- 220
IN THE STATE OF UTAH)

RONALD LYLE CHRISTENSEN (“Respondent”) and the **DIVISION OF
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING** of the Department of Commerce of
the State of Utah (“Division”) stipulate and agree as follows

- 1 Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Division over Respondent and over the subject matter of this action
- 2 Respondent acknowledges that Respondent enters into this Stipulation knowingly and voluntarily

3 Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter and Respondent's signature below signifies that Respondent has either consulted with an attorney or Respondent waives Respondent's right to counsel in this matter

4 Respondent understands that Respondent is entitled to a hearing before the State of Utah's Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Board ("the Board"), or other Division Presiding Officer, at which time Respondent may present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, call witnesses and confront adverse witnesses Respondent understands that by signing this document Respondent hereby waives the right to a hearing, the right to present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, the right to call witnesses, the right to confront adverse witnesses, and any other rights to which Respondent may be entitled in connection with said hearing Respondent understands that by signing this document Respondent hereby knowingly and intelligently waives the right to all administrative and judicial review as set forth in Utah Code Ann §§ 63G-4-301 through 63G-4-405, and Utah Administrative Code R156-46b-12 through R156-46b-15 Respondent and the Division hereby express their intent that this matter be resolved expeditiously through stipulation as contemplated in Utah Code Ann § 63G-4-102(4)

5 Respondent waives the right to the issuance of a Petition and a Notice of Agency Action in this matter

6 Respondent acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order, if adopted by the Director of the Division, will be classified as a public document The Division may release this Stipulation and Order, and will release other information about this disciplinary action against Respondent, to other persons and entities

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7 Respondent admits the following facts are true

- a Respondent was first licensed as a marriage and family therapist in the State of Utah on or about April 14, 2004
- b Beginning in 2007 Respondent provided marriage and family therapy to a married couple, hereinafter referred to as John Doe and Jane Doe John Doe terminated therapy within a few months while Jane Doe continued in therapy Jane Doe terminated therapy with Respondent in November 2008
- c Respondent and his spouse divorced John Doe and Jane Doe divorced in July 2010 Respondent married Jane Doe on August 20, 2010

8 Respondent admits that Respondent's conduct described above is unprofessional conduct as defined in Utah Code Ann § 58-1-501(2)(a) and Utah Administrative Code R156-60b-502(5)(b), and that said conduct justifies disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Utah Code Ann § 58-1-401(2)(a) Respondent agrees that an Order, which constitutes disciplinary action against Respondent's license by the Division pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R156-1-102(6) and Utah Code Ann § 58-1-401(2), shall be entered in this matter publicly reprimanding Respondent's license for the conduct described above

9 This Stipulation and Order, upon approval by the Director of the Division, shall be the final compromise and settlement of this non-criminal administrative matter Respondent acknowledges that the Director is not required to accept the terms of this Stipulation and Order and that if the Director does not do so, this Stipulation and the representations contained therein shall be null and void, except that the Division and Respondent waive any claim of bias or prejudice they might otherwise have with regard to the Director by virtue of the Director having reviewed this Stipulation, and this waiver shall survive such nullification

10 Respondent agrees to abide by and comply with all applicable federal and state laws,

regulations, rules and orders related to the Respondent's licensed practice

11 This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and cancels any and all prior negotiations, representations, understandings or agreements between the parties regarding the subject of this Stipulation and Order. There are no verbal agreements that modify, interpret, construe or affect this Stipulation.

12 The accompanying Order becomes effective immediately upon the approval of this Stipulation and signing of the Order by the Division Director. Respondent shall comply with all the terms and conditions of this Stipulation immediately following the Division Director's signing of the Order page of this Stipulation and Order. Respondent shall complete all the terms and conditions contained in the Stipulation and Order in a timely manner. If a time period for completion of a term or condition is not specifically set forth in the Stipulation and Order, Respondent agrees that the time period for completion of that term or condition shall be set by the Board. Failure to complete a term or condition in a timely manner shall constitute a violation of the Stipulation and Order and may subject Respondent to revocation or other sanctions.

13 If Respondent violates any term or condition of this Stipulation and Order, the Division may take action against Respondent, including imposing appropriate sanction, in the manner provided by law. Such sanction may include revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, or other appropriate sanction.

14 Respondent understands that the disciplinary action taken by the Division in this Stipulation and Order may adversely affect any license that Respondent may possess in another state or any application for licensure Respondent may submit in another state.

15 Respondent has read each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and

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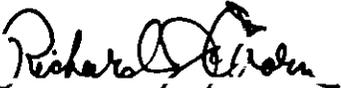
Order Respondent understands each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and

Order Respondent has no questions about any paragraph or provision contained in this

Stipulation and Order

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL &
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

RESPONDENT

BY 
RICHARD J. OBORN
Bureau Manager

BY 
RONALD LYLE CHRISTENSEN

DATE *June 21, 2011*

DATE *6-14-2011*

MARK L. SHURTLEFF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

BY 
L. MITCHELL JONES
Counsel for the Division

DATE *21 Jun 2011*

ORDER

THE ABOVE STIPULATION, in the matter of **RONALD LYLE CHRISTENSEN**, is hereby approved by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, and constitutes my Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter. The issuance of this Order is disciplinary action pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R156-1-102(6) and Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-401(2). The terms and conditions of the Stipulation are incorporated herein and constitute my final Order in this case.

DATED this 23 day of June, 2011

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING



MARK B. STEINAGEL
Director

Investigator: Dee Thorell