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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	:	
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DAVID HARL RIDLEY TO PRACTICE AS A	:	NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST IN	:	Case No. 2012-531
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THE STATE OF UTAH	:	

THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING TO
DAVID HARL RIDLEY ("Respondent"):

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing ("the Division") hereby files this notice of agency action. The jurisdiction and authority for this action is §58-1-401(2).

This action is filed based upon a review of the Division's records and investigation ("file") that indicate Respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct in violation of §58-1-501(2)(d).

ALLEGATIONS SUPPORTING THIS ACTION

1. Respondent is, and at all times relevant to this proceeding has been, licensed to practice as a marriage and family therapist in the State of Utah. Respondent was first licensed as a marriage and family therapist in the State of Utah on or about September 9, 2009. That license expired on September 30, 2012.

4. A review of Respondent's file indicates that Respondent surrendered licensure to a licensing or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over Respondent in the same occupation or profession after a charging document was filed against Respondent alleging unprofessional conduct, in violation of unprofessional conduct defined in §R156-1-501(1), thus constituting a basis for action under §58-1-401(2).

4. Specifically, on or about September 24, 2012, Respondent voluntarily surrendered Respondent's Idaho marriage and family therapist license. A true and correct copy of the voluntary surrender form signed by Respondent is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. The reasons for the Respondent's surrender of license are outlined in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order dated October 29, 2012 and attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference. The allegations contained in Exhibit B would constitute unprofessional conduct in the State of Utah.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROCEEDINGS

This action is designated as an informal adjudicative proceeding ("proceeding") in §R156-46b-202 in accordance with §63G-4-202(1).

You may represent yourself or legal counsel may represent you, at your own expense, while this action is pending. If you are represented by legal counsel, your attorney must file a Notice of Appearance with the Division at the address stated below. Until an Entry of appearance is filed, the presiding officer, or others within or representing the Division, will communicate directly with you.

The presiding officer for this proceeding is Mark. B. Steinagel, Director, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

Richard J. Oborn is the Bureau Manager for your occupation or profession. If you or your attorney have any questions as to the procedures related to this matter, Mr. Oborn can be reached at the address provided below for a written response, by telephone at (801) 530-6767, or by email at roborn@utah.gov.

The proceeding will be conducted pursuant to §63G-4-203. There is no right to a hearing in this proceeding. The decision in this matter will be based upon a review of the Division's file.

Within ten (10) days of the mailing date of this notice, you may obtain by written request a copy of the relevant and nonprivileged contents of the Division's file related to this proceeding. Your request, if any, should be submitted to the address stated below.

Within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of this notice, you are required to file a written response herein. A response may be helpful to clarify, refine, or narrow the facts and violations related to the basis for this action as contained in the Division's file.

If you fail to file a response, it will constitute a basis for entry of default, and an order will be entered by the Presiding Officer without your participation. It will be based upon a review of the Division's file and, as deemed necessary, a review and recommendation by the Utah Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Board.

If you file a response, it will be included in the Division's file and will be considered by the presiding officer. The consideration may also include a review and recommendation by the Utah Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Board to the presiding officer. An original of your response, if any, should be mailed or hand delivered to

Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
Attn: Informal Disciplinary Files
(by mail): PO Box 146741
Salt Lake City UT 84114-6741
(by hand delivery):
160 East 300 South, 4th floor
Salt Lake City, UT

If you file a Response, you will be notified if this action is placed on the Board's agenda. Board meetings are normally open to the public and public comment may be provided if permitted by the chair of the Board. However, please note that if this action is placed on the Board's agenda, it is an agenda item, not a disciplinary hearing.

At the expiration of your deadline to submit a response, and without further notice to you, the presiding officer will make an informal review of the record in this matter and determine whether you have engaged in unprofessional conduct in violation of §58-1-501(2)(d) and §R156-1-501 (1) and if so, what disciplinary action is appropriate.

The maximum administrative sanction in this case is revocation of license to practice as a marriage and family therapist and an order that you may not reapply for licensure as a marriage and family therapist for five years. Other administrative sanctions may be imposed by the Division including suspension of your license and restrictions imposed on the scope of your license.

Please conduct yourself accordingly.

Dated this 20 day of December, 2012.



W. Ray Walker
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Regulatory & Compliance Officer