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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 DAVID HARL RIDLEY TO PRACTICE AS A **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST IN** THE STATE OF UTAH	**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, RECOMMENDATION, AND DEFAULT ORDER** . Case No DOPL-2012-531

FINDINGS OF FACT

1 Respondent was initially licensed in Utah as a marriage and family therapist on September 9, 2009 That license expired on September 30, 2012

2 Respondent engaged in conduct that resulted in disciplinary action, including surrendering licensure, by another licensing or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over Respondent in the same occupation or profession, as follows

(a) On September 24, 2012, Respondent was disciplined by the State of Idaho with regard to Respondent's license to practice as a marriage and family therapist in the State of Idaho Said license was surrendered 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 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 set forth in Exhibit B would constitute unprofessional conduct in the State of Utah

3 On December 20, 2012, the Division filed a Notice of Agency Action ("Notice") alleging that Respondent engaged in the conduct described resulting in the disciplinary action by the State of Utah as described

4 The Notice further alleges that if the conduct described had occurred in Utah it would constitute grounds for disciplinary proceedings in Utah under § 58-1-401

5. Finally, the Notice alleges that by so doing Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct in violation of Utah Code Annotated § 58-1-501(2)(d) The Notice seeks appropriate disciplinary action against Respondent pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 58-1-401(2)

6 This matter is classified as an informal proceeding pursuant to Utah Administrative Code § R156-46b-202(2)(d)

7 A written response was required in this matter pursuant to Utah Administrative Code § R156-46b-402 and the Notice filed herein Respondent did not file a written response to the Notice as required

8 This Notice was place on the agenda of the March 15, 2013 meeting of the Utah Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Board ("Board") for its recommended action Respondent was not notified of the meeting due to Respondent's failure to file a written response Respondent did not attend the meeting

9 The Bureau Manager over marriage and family therapy apprised the Board at its meeting of Respondent's failure to file a written response and then summarized Respondent's unprofessional conduct as described The Bureau Manager recommended that Respondent's license be revoked

10 The Board considered the information presented and recommended that Respondent's license be revoked

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11 Respondent's failure to submit a written response constitutes a basis for entry of default against Respondent and for an order to be issued solely based upon the evidence of record in the Division's file

12 A review of relevant information supports a conclusion that Respondent engaged in *conduct that resulted in disciplinary action, including surrendering licensure, by another* licensing or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over Respondent in the same occupation or profession, for conduct that would in the State of Utah constitute grounds for disciplinary proceedings under § 58-1-401, thus constituting unprofessional conduct under Utah Code Annotated § 58-1-501(2)(d)

13 Respondent's conduct described resulting in the actions described constitutes a sufficient basis for disciplinary action against Respondent in accordance with Utah Code Annotated § 58-1-401(2)

14 The following aggravating circumstances, enumerated in § R156-1-102 (2), apply dishonest or selfish motive, multiple offenses and vulnerability of the victims.

DEFAULT ORDER

The Respondent's default is entered herein After a careful consideration of this matter, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein are hereby adopted by the Director The Director concurs with the order recommended by the Board

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED Respondent's license to practice as a marriage and family therapist in this state shall be revoked

Dated this 26th day of March, 2013

MARK B STEINAGEL
Director

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann §63G-4-209(3), Respondent may seek to set aside the above-stated default order by filing such a request with the Division consistent with procedures outlined in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure