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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of

CRAIG W. SCHREITER, LCSW

Respondent.

**STIPULATION FOR VOLUNTARY
SURRENDER OF CLINICAL SOCIAL
WORKER LICENSE IN LIEU OF
REVOCATION and FINAL ORDER**

Case No. 2005-16

STIPULATION

1.

The Board of Clinical Social Workers (Board) is the agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) and certified Clinical Social Worker Associates (CSWA) in the State of Oregon.

2.

At all times material herein, Respondent Craig W. Schreiter (hereafter "Respondent") has been licensed with the Board as an LCSW. Respondent's current address of record is P.O. Box 3082, Albany, Oregon 97321.

3.

On or about July 29, 2003, Respondent entered into a therapeutic relationship with MM. Respondent had sixteen treatment sessions with MM from July 29, 2003, through December 11, 2003. Respondent provided clinical social work services to MM during those treatment sessions. At the end of December, 2003, Respondent entered into a social and sexual relationship with MM. Respondent continued the relationship with MM and began living at MM's residence beginning in mid-January, 2004. Respondent has lived with MM from mid-January, 2004, to present. Respondent married MM on September 7, 2005.

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Based on the foregoing facts, Respondent engaged in a sexual relationship with client MM within three (3) years of providing clinical social work services within the meaning of ORS 675.510, in violation of OAR 877-030-0070(4). Respondent admits to having committed said violation by signing below.

5.

Respondent did not keep custody and control over the confidential files of about 200 former or current clients from about mid-January, 2004, to September 29, 2005.

6.

Based on the foregoing facts, Respondent did not respect the privacy of clients and hold in confidence information obtained in the course of professional contact between the client and Respondent, in violation of OAR 877-030-0070(14). Respondent admits to having committed said violation by signing below.

7.

The Board considers the prohibition from engaging in a sexual relationship with a client within three years of providing clinical social work services under OAR 877-030-0070(4) to be absolute because of the great risk of severe harm to the client and that such conduct by itself warrants revocation. The Board also considers very important the confidentiality requirements of OAR 877-030-0070(14) and that the failure to keep custody and control over confidential client records is a serious violation of that rule which warrants a significant sanction.

8.

The parties desire to settle this matter by entering into this Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender of Respondent's LCSW license in lieu of revocation and entry of the Final Order below, pursuant to ORS 183.415(5), ORS 675.510 and 675.600, and OAR Chapter 877.

9.

Respondent acknowledges and understands the following:

- a. The conduct resulting in the violations described in this Stipulation and Final Order are considered by the Board to be of a very serious nature, which warrant revocation.
- b. This Stipulation and Final Order will be submitted to the Board for approval and is subject to and conditioned upon acceptance and approval by the full Board.
- c. Respondent is prohibited after issuance of the Final Order below from using the title of or purporting to be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or using any other title that includes those words, unless and until Respondent is issued a new LCSW license. Respondent is further prohibited from applying for a new LCSW license for one year from the date of issuance of the Final Order below, pursuant to ORS 675.550. If, after one year from the date of issuance of the Final Order, Respondent reapplies to the Board to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker or a Clinical Social Work Associate and Respondent otherwise meets all the requirements for licensure, Respondent understands that the Board may deny said application or place Respondent on probation and impose conditions or limits on the scope of Respondent's clinical social work practice as part of any reinstatement, pursuant to ORS 675.540(2).
- d. This Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and a matter of public discipline, pursuant to OAR 877-020-0031(2) and other applicable authority. This document must be disclosed, published, and reported in accordance with ORS 676.175(3)(a)(D), OAR 877-040-0050(6), and Oregon Public Records Law. In particular, in accordance with OAR 877-040-0050(6), notice of this action will be sent to the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and published in the next edition of the Directory of Clinical Social Work Associates and Licensed Clinical Social Workers, the official newspaper of the county

where the Licensee practices and in Marion County, and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Disciplinary Action Reporting System (DARS).

e. Respondent has been fully advised of Respondent's rights to notice and a contested case hearing under the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183), and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation and Final Order.

f. Any violation of this Stipulation and Final Order is grounds for further action against Respondent. The Board has the right to take action against Respondent to enforce this Stipulation and Final Order, for any violations of thereof, or for other violations of ORS 675.510 to 675.600 or OAR Chapter 877 not stated herein;

g. Respondent has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order and understands it completely. Respondent voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and consents to issuance and entry of the Final Order below. Respondent states that no promises or representation not stated herein have been made to induce Respondent to sign this Stipulation. Respondent has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised in regards thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and issuance and entry of the Final Order below.

IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO this 28 day of November, 2005:

Signature on File in Board Office

CRAIG W. SCHREITER

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FINAL ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the Stipulation by Craig W. Schreiter (Respondent) above, which is incorporated herein by this reference, and pursuant to ORS 183.415(5), ORS 675.540, ORS 675.595, and OAR 877-020-0031, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

(1) The above Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender of Clinical Social Work License in lieu of revocation submitted by Respondent is accepted;

(2) Respondent shall within ten (10) days surrender to the Board Respondent's Licensed Clinical Social Worker license;

(3) Respondent is, effective immediately, prohibited from using the title of or purporting to be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or using any other title that includes those words, unless and until Respondent is issued a new Licensed Clinical Social Worker license;

(4) Respondent is further prohibited from reapplying for a new Licensed Clinical Social Worker license or Clinical Social Worker Associate certificate for one year from the date of issuance of this Final Order, pursuant to ORS 675.550; and

(5) If, after one year from the date of issuance of the Final Order, Respondent reapplies to the Board to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker or a Clinical Social Work Associate and Respondent otherwise meets all the requirements for licensure, the Board may deny said application or place Respondent on probation and impose conditions or limits on the scope of Respondent's clinical social work practice as part of any reinstatement, pursuant to ORS 675.540(2).

ISSUED this 13th day of December, 2005.

BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS
State of Oregon

By: Signature on File in Board Office
Mark F. Oldham, Chair