

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of:)	Case Nos. 2011-063
TRAVIS WAITS, LPC, LMFT)	
Respondent)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED FINAL ORDER

The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT) in the State of Oregon.

Pursuant to ORS 675.745(1)(d) and 675.745(1)(e) and the Code of Ethics (OAR 833, Division 100), on September 13, 2012, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Discipline, Case No. 2011-063 (which by this reference is incorporated herein), proposing to revoke the professional counseling (LPC) and marriage and family therapy (LMFT) licenses of Travis Waits (Respondent).

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1.

Respondent and the Board desire to settle these matters by entry of this Stipulated Final Order. Respondent understands that he has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 183) in the matter of Case No. 2011-063. Respondent fully and finally waives the right to a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom in this matter by the signing of and entry of this Stipulated Final Order.

2.

Respondent acknowledges by his signature below that he fully understands the terms of this Stipulated Final Order. Respondent declares that he has carefully reviewed the terms of this

Settlement Agreement and consents to the issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below, that he knows the contents thereof, that he has had adequate opportunity to consult with others of his choosing, including legal counsel, and that he has voluntarily accepted the terms set forth herein.

3.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in accordance with Oregon law. No waiver, consent, modification, or change of terms of this Agreement shall bind any party unless in writing and signed by all parties. Such waiver, consent, modification, or change, if made, shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given. There are no understandings, agreements or representations, oral or written not specified herein regarding this Agreement. The Board and Respondent, by their signatures, hereby acknowledge that they have read this Agreement, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

4.

Respondent and the Board agree to resolve this matter of Case No. 2011-063 by the entry of this Stipulated Final Order, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 4.1 Respondent must immediately surrender his Oregon license as a Licensed Professional Counselor and as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist to the Board and will no longer be a Licensed Professional Counselor or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in this state.
- 4.2 Respondent is prohibited from using the title of, purporting to be, or practicing as a Licensed Professional Counselor or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist or using any other title that includes those words in this state.
- 4.3 Respondent shall forever be prohibited from: (a) reapplying for or seeking

reinstatement of his LPC or LMFT license; (b) applying for a LPC or LMFT license; or (c) applying or reapplying to practice as an LPC or LMFT in the State of Oregon pursuant to ORS 675.825(1)(c).

- 4.4 Respondent hereby resigns while under investigation for allegations of unethical and unprofessional conduct. This Stipulated Final Order shall be reported to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.
- 4.5 This stipulation resolves all matter between Respondent and this Board.
- 4.6 Entry of the Stipulated Final Order below in no way limits or prevents further remedies, sanctions, or actions that may be available to the Board to enforce the Stipulated Final Order, for violations of the Stipulated Final Order, for conduct or actions of Respondent not covered by the Stipulated Final Order, or against a party not covered by the Stipulated Final Order. Failure to comply with the stipulations herein may result in further discipline by the Board.

IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO BY:

Travis Waits, LPC, LMFT
Travis Waits, LPC, LMFT

Dated: 1/30/13

Approved as to form:

Paul A. Cooney
Paul A. Cooney, Counsel for Respondent

Dated: 1/31/13

BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
State of Oregon

By: _____
Ryan Melton, Chair

Date: _____

STIPULATED FINAL ORDER

Based on the stipulation and settlement between the Parties set forth above, which is incorporated herein by this reference, pursuant to ORS 675.745(1), it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Respondent Travis Waits will **surrender** both his Oregon LPC and LMFT license **immediately**;
2. Respondent is prohibited from using the title of, purporting to be, or practicing as a Licensed Professional Counselor or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist or using any other title that includes those words in this state;
3. Respondent shall forever be prohibited from: (a) reapplying for or seeking reinstatement of his LPC or LMFT license; (b) applying for a LPC or LMFT license; or (c) applying or reapplying to practice as an LPC or LMFT in the State of Oregon pursuant to ORS 675.825(1)(e); and
4. The discipline imposed will be reported to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

DATED and ISSUED this 8th February day of January, 2013.

**BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
State of Oregon**

By:



Ryan Melton, Chair

