

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

In the Matter of:)	Case No. 2009-035
)	DOJ File No. 108001-GB0259-10
SUSAN J. BRAMLETTE, LMFT,)	
Respondent.)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
)	STIPULATED FINAL ORDER

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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

2. At all relevant time's material herein, Susan J. Bramlette (Respondent) has been licensed with the Board as a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent under ORS 675.705 to 675.835. Hereinafter Respondent and the Board are collectively referred to as the "Parties."

3. In April 2010, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Intent to Impose Discipline (Notice) on Respondent for alleged violations of the Board's statutes and rules. Because the same matter was already being investigated by the Washington Department of Health (WDH), in June 2010, the Board voted to withdraw the Notice (without prejudice) pending the outcome of the WDH investigation.

4. On February 3, 2012, WDH issued a Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order imposing discipline on Respondent.

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5. The Parties desire to settle this matter and, pursuant to ORS 183.415(3), stipulate and agree as follows in full and complete settlement of the matter currently pending, subject to final approval by the Board:

- 5.1 This Settlement Agreement is conditioned upon and subject to final approval by the Board;
- 5.2 On February 3, 2012, Respondent entered into a Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order (WDH Order) with the Washington Department of Health imposing discipline, with by this reference is incorporated herein. WDH concluded that Respondent had violated certain Washington statutes and rules by providing therapy to a client without a written consent to treatment, and by disclosing confidential information without the consent of the client.
- 5.3 Given these violations, Washington imposed the following discipline: (a) Respondent's credentials were placed on Monitoring Status for at least two (2) years; (b) Respondent's work must be supervised for a period of two (2) years; (c) Respondent's supervisor must submit quarterly performance evaluation reports; (d) Respondent cannot supervise others during the duration of the WDH Order; (e) Respondent must complete 18 hours of continuing education; and (f) pay a fine of \$1,500.00
- 5.4 By disclosing confidential client information without receiving informed, written consent from that client, Respondent also violated Oregon law, including ORS 675.745(1)(e), ORS 675.765(1), and OAR 833-100-0051(1), (2) & (3).
- 5.5 Respondent specifically denies that her actions violated any of the Oregon statutes and administrative rules referenced in this Agreement.
- 5.6 The Final Order below may be issued and entered;

- 5.7 This Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Order is a public document;
- 5.8 Respondent has been fully advised of her right to 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 Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Order;
- 5.9 Respondent acknowledges by her signature below that she fully understands the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Order. Respondent declares that she has carefully reviewed the terms of this Settlement Agreement and consents to the issuance and entry of the Final Order below, that she knows the contents thereof, that she has had adequate opportunity to consult with others of her choosing, including legal counsel, and that she has voluntarily accepted the terms set forth herein; and
- 5.10 Entry of the Final Order below in no way limits or prevents further remedies, sanctions, or actions that may be available to the Board to enforce the Final Order, for violations of the Final Order, for conduct or actions of Respondent not covered by the Final Order, or against a party not covered by the Final Order.

6. 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.


IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO BY:



Susan J. Bramlette, LMFT, LPC

Dated: 6/21/12

Approved as to form:



David J. Madigan Counsel for Respondent

Dated: 6/22/12

**BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
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State of Oregon**

By: 

Ryan Melton, Chair

Dated: 7/12/12

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**:

- A. Respondent's work must be supervised for two (2) years (from February 3, 2012 until February 3, 2014) consisting of at least one face-to-face meeting a month by a WDH-approved supervisor;

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- B. Respondent shall cause her supervisor to submit quarterly performance evaluation reports to the Board pursuant to the schedule set in accordance with the WDH Order;
- C. By February 3, 2013, Respondent must complete eighteen (18) hours of continuing education as approved by WDH. Six (6) of these hours must be taken in the area of professional ethics; six (6) hours must be taken in the area of recordkeeping; and six (6) hours must be taken in the area of disclosure form requirements and informed consent in family therapy cases, no hours of which may be used to satisfy any Oregon continuing education requirements;
- D. Respondent must pay the cost of this disciplinary action in the amount of \$1,212.30 pursuant to a payment plan as agreed to by the Board; and
- E. Respondent shall provide proof of the successful completion of Respondent's WDH Order at which time the non-cost related payment requirements of this Stipulated Final Order shall be satisfied.

DATED and ISSUED this 12th day of July 2012.

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By:  7/12/12
Ryan Melton, Chair