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BEFORE THE KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD

In The Matter Of)	
G. WILLIAM FREEMAN,	Case No. 22-NL-0073
UNLICENSED)	
Respondent)	
Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536	

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that the following facts have been established by a preponderance of the evidence:

- 1. At all times relevant, G. William Freeman ("Respondent") has not possessed any license issued by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board that would permit him to engage in the practice of providing mental health services in the State of Kansas.
- Specifically, the Board has not issued to Respondent a license to practice as a Licensed Psychologist in the State of Kansas.
- On or about December 9, 2021, the Board received a Report of Alleged Violation
 ("RAV") that alleged Respondent may have provided unlicensed services in the State of Kansas.

Additionally, on approximately January 4, 2022, the Board received from another individual an RAV alleging that Respondent may have provided unlicensed services in the State of Kansas. A subsequent investigation determined the following facts.

- 4. For approximately the last ten years, Respondent has been conducting psychological evaluations for college-level students in the State of Kansas. Specifically, Respondent would conduct these evaluations on college-level students for ADHD or learning disabilities to assess for the need for the student to have examination accommodations for national examination services.
 - 5. Respondent conducted these evaluations in his home office in Lawrence, Kansas.
- 6. Further, Respondent charged a fee to the college-level student in order to conduct these evaluations.
- 7. Respondent titled these evaluations, "Report of Psychological Evaluation", and signed these evaluations:

G. William Freeman, Ed.D. Licensed Psychologist & Provider MA License #459

8. Respondent did hold a license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Massachusetts. This license expired in June 2020.

APPLICABLE LAW

- 9. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537(a) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act ("KAPA"), a state agency may use summary proceedings, subject to a party's request for a hearing on the order, if:
 - (1) The use of those proceedings in the circumstances does not violate any provision of law;
 - (2) the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties;
 - (3) based upon an investigation of the facts by the state agency, beyond receipt of the allegations, the state agency believes in good faith that the allegations will be supported to

the applicable standard of proof, provided however that an alleged failure to meet the standards set forth in this subsection shall not be subject to immediate judicial review and shall not invalidate any later agency action that has been supported to the applicable standard of proof; and

- (4) the order does not take effect until after the time for requesting a hearing has expired.
- 10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5302(a): "Practice of psychology" means the application of established principles of learning, motivation, perception, thinking and emotional relationships to problems of behavior adjustment, group relations and behavior modification, by persons trained in psychology. The application of such principles includes, but is not restricted to, counseling and the use of psychological remedial measures with persons, in groups or individually, having adjustment or emotional problems in the areas of work, family, school and personal relationships; measuring and testing personality, intelligence, aptitudes, public opinion, attitudes and skills; the teaching of such subject matter; and the conducting of research on problems relating to human behavior, except that in all cases involving the care of the sick and ill as defined by the laws of this state, the primary responsibility devolves upon those licensed under the Kansas healing arts act. The practice of psychology includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations. If a licensed psychologist cannot make an independent diagnosis of a mental disorder, such psychologist shall consult with the client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be a medical condition or medication that may be causing or contributing to the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing that such consultation be waived and such request shall be made a part of the client's record. A licensed psychologist may continue to evaluate and treat the client until such time that the medical consultation is obtained or waived.
- 11. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5302(b): "Represents oneself to be a psychologist" means that a person engages in the practice of psychology for a fee, monetary or otherwise, or holds oneself out to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the word "psychologic," "psychological,"

"psychologist" or "psychology" and under such title or description offers to render by renders services to individuals, corporations or the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise.

12. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7508(b)(3)(A), if the board determines that an individual has practiced without a valid license a profession regulated by the board for which the practitioners of the profession are required by law to be licensed in order to practice the profession, in addition to any other penalties imposed by law, the board, in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, may issue a cease and desist order against such individual.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

WHEREFORE, Respondent is in violation of K.S.A. 65-6608(c), in that Respondent held himself out as a Licensed Psychologist by conducting psychological evaluations in the State of Kansas. However, Respondent has not held a license issued by the Board to practice as an LP in the State of Kansas.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7508(b)(3)(A), Respondent G William Freeman shall immediately upon receipt of this Order CEASE AND DESIST the practice of a licensed psychologist in the State of Kansas.

IT IS SO ORDERED ON THIS

DAY OF //p///_ 2022.

Chairperson, Complaint Review Committee
On behalf of the Behavioral Sciences

Regulatory Board

In the Matter of G. William Freeman, Casc No. 22-NL-0073

NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, this Summary Proceeding Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for hearing to:

David Fye, Executive Director Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board 700 SW Harrison St., Suite 420 Topeka, KS 66603-3929

This written request must be filed within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date indicated in the below Certificate of Service. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the 15-day period begins the day after the date indicated in the Certificate of Service and includes weekends and legal holidays. If the 15th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the 15-day period runs until 5:00 p.m. on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. A request is considered "filed" on the date it is received at the Board's office. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes a final order subject to judicial review. A petition for judicial review should be directed to the above recipient.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this <u>2</u> day of <u>Na</u>, 2022, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order to Cease and Desist was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

G. William Freeman

and a copy delivered via email mail to:

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