STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

NH BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

In the Matter of: Mark Phillips (LICSW License #1852) Docket No. 2021-MHP-006 and 2021-ENF-Phillips-1138

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE

The State of New Hampshire granted Mark Phillips ("Respondent") a license to practice as an independent clinical social worker on April 23, 2015. Respondent holds a LCSW license number 1852.

On or about November 5, 2021, the NH Board of Mental Health Practice ("Board") received a complaint alleging professional misconduct in violation of RSA 330-A:27, II(c).

On November 8, 2021, the Board issued an immediate emergency suspension, suspending the Respondent's license as an independent clinical social worker pursuant to NH RSA 330-A:30.

On or about November 18, 2021, the Office of Public Licensure and Certification-Division of Enforcement ("Enforcement") received a second complaint alleging professional misconduct in violation of RSA 330-A:27, II(c) related to a second patient. Respondent voluntarily enters into a Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board as follows:

- 1. Recognizing that professional misconduct allegations may be pending against me before the Board, I, Mark Phillips, LCSW, agree not to practice as an independent clinical social worker, effective upon my signing this preliminary agreement, until further order of the Board.
- 2. I do not admit to any violations of RSA 330-A:27, RSA 330-A:36, or any other laws, statutes, or regulations. I deny all allegations of professional misconduct.
- 3. By signing this preliminary agreement, I understand that I am waiving my right to an expeditious hearing under RSA 330-A:30, presently scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2021. I understand that by signing this agreement, I am, pursuant to RSA 330-A:30, extending the temporary license suspension commensurate with the additional time extended.
- 4. I understand that should a final hearing not be scheduled in the next 180 days, I may request a hearing under RSA 330-A:30.
- 5. If I apply for the renewal of my license while this arrangement is in effect, I voluntarily agree to waive any statutory or administrative time deadlines regarding the Board's final action on such license renewal application. I understand that by waiving such deadlines, the Board's final action on any such license renewal application will be automatically deferred until after the disposition of this Board matter and that my license will not expire while this Preliminary Agreement is in effect.

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6. I voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.

7. I further understand that this document shall become a permanent part of my file and will be maintained by the Board as a public document.

8. I have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of my choosing in connection with the decision to sign this Preliminary Agreement.

9. I am of sound mind and not under the influence of any substance that would impair my judgement at the time I sign this Preliminary Agreement.

10. I understand that my failure to comply with the terms of this Preliminary

Agreement Not to Practice shall constitute unlawful practice under RSA Chapter 330-A.

FOR RESPONDENT

Respondent (Mark Phillips)

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FOR THE BOARD

This Preliminary Agreement is hereby accepted in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

Date: 12/16/2021

(Signature)

Print Name

Authorized Representative of the New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice