## State of New Hampshire New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In the Matter of: John E. Briggs Jr. (License # EL06511)

## **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF EMERGENCY LICENSURE**

The New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice ("Board") first granted John Briggs Jr ("Licensee") an emergency license to practice as a Certified Mental Health Worker in the State of New Hampshire on April 16, 2021 now set to expire January 31, 2022.

The Board received information the Licensee obtained his New Hampshire Emergency Licensure pursuant to guidelines put forth in the NH Governor's Emergency Order #15 ("EO 15"). Pursuant to EO 15, 1 (a), the medical provider is required to be licensed and in good standing in another United States jurisdiction.

On or about September 29, 2021, the OPLC-Division of Enforcement ("Division") received information the Licensee was a licensed Mental Health Worker in Texas and the Licensee resigned his license in the State of Texas in order to resolve at least five (5) misconduct violations pending in the State of Texas.

The Division verified the Licensee resigned his Mental Health Licensure in the State of Texas on August 26, 2021 to resolved five (5) claims of misconduct against him.

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As a result of the Licensee resigning his license in the State of Texas, he is no longer in good standing in another U.S. jurisdiction which is a requirement of EO 15 and recently enacted legislation contained in NH SB 155.

Respondent enters into a Voluntary Surrender of Licensure in the State of New Hampshire as follows:

- 1. Recognizing that I resigned my licensure in the State of Texas (another U.S. jurisdiction) which was the requirement for me to obtain an emergency license in NH in effect in April 2021, I, John Briggs Jr. voluntarily agree to surrender my emergency license # EL06511 effective immediately upon my signature on this voluntary surrender.
- I admit to no violations of NH Chapter RSA 330-A or any administrative rules, ethical provisions, or any other laws, statutes, or regulations, adopted by the Board.
- 3. Understanding that this Voluntary Surrender of licensure and the restrictions herein shall remain until further order of the Board, I hereby specifically waive any statute of limitations, or laches defense, which might be then available, including but not limited to, those based on RSA 332-G: 8 and RSA 332-G: 9.
- 4. In the event that I apply for a reinstatement of my license while this agreement is in effect, I voluntarily agree to waive any statutory or administrative time deadlines regarding the Board's final action on any such license reinstatement application. I understand that by waiving such

deadlines, the Board's final action on any such license reinstatement application will be automatically deferred until after the disposition of this Board matter.

- I further understand that any pending disciplinary allegations shall be resolved before any future licensure reinstatement application I may submit in New Hampshire is approved.
- 6. I enter into this Voluntary Surrender with the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
- I 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 understand that if the Board chooses to accept my surrender of licensure, this document shall be distributed to all relevant licensing authorities in the same manner as a final decision making specific findings of professional misconduct
- 9. I have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of my choosing in connection with my decision to sign this Voluntary Surrender.
- 10.I am of sound mind and not under the influence of any substance that would impair my judgement at the time I sign this Voluntary Surrender.
- 11.I understand that my failure to comply with the terms of this Voluntary

  Surrender shall constitute unprofessional conduct and may subject me to

  discipline under Chapter RSA 330-A.

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