

**BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

IN THE MATTER OF

ALEXIA SLAUSON
417 1st Ave. S.
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

RESPONDENT

CASE NO.: 24-0279

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF
LICENSE THROUGH CONSENT
ORDER**

COME NOW the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals (“Board”) and Alexia Slauson (“Respondent”), and enter into this Voluntary Surrender of License through Consent Order (“Voluntary Surrender”) pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 17A.10(1), 272C.3(4), and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 11.33.

I. JURISDICTION AND BACKGROUND

1. **Iowa License.** Respondent was issued Iowa Marital and Family Therapist Temporary license number 114679 on September 9, 2022. Respondent’s Iowa Marital and Family Therapist Temporary license is active and will next expire on September 9, 2025.

2. **Jurisdiction.** The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 17A and 154D, and 645 Iowa Administrative Code 11.

II. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Count I

1. Respondent is charged with failure to comply with the current American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Code of Ethics revised January 2015, in violation of 645 Iowa Administrative Code rule 33.1(1)“a.”

III. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

2. On or about the date of August 6, 2024, the Respondent self-reported to the Board that she had engaged in communications of a personal nature outside of a therapeutic relationship with a current patient.

IV. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

3. Without admission of wrongdoing or guilt, Respondent does not contest the violations alleged in the above-stated statement of charges.

4. Respondent acknowledges that they have a right to a hearing before the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals on the merits of the charges. By freely and voluntarily entering into this Voluntary Surrender, Respondent waives their right to a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review. This Voluntary Surrender constitutes the final agency order in this contested case pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.16 and 645 Iowa Administrative Code § 11.33(5).

5. Respondent agrees that the Assistant Attorney General may present this Voluntary Surrender to the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals and may have *ex parte* communications with the Board while presenting it. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right that the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Voluntary Surrender among the Board and the Assistant Attorney General.

6. This Voluntary Surrender shall be part of the disciplinary record and permanent licensure file of Respondent and shall be considered by the Board of Behavioral Health Professionals in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of Mental, Marital and Family Counseling by the Respondent.

7. Respondent shall at all future times fully and promptly comply with all pertinent orders of the Board and the statutes and Board rules regulating the practice of Marital and Family counseling. Failure to comply with the terms of this Voluntary Surrender shall be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of Iowa Code §§ 154D.5 and 272C.3(2)(a) and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against Respondent for violations of this Voluntary Surrender without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

8. This Voluntary Surrender is not binding on Respondent or the Board until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Board members.

(a) In the event that this Voluntary Surrender is rejected by the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals, it shall be of no force or effect to either party and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter. (b) If the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals approves this Voluntary Surrender, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

13. Upon acceptance by both the Board and Respondent, this Voluntary Surrender shall be a public record available for inspection and copying in its entirety in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22.

14. Respondent understands that the Board is required by Federal law to report this Voluntary Surrender to the National Practitioner Databank.

15. Respondent shall submit a copy of this Voluntary Surrender to all licensing boards where Respondent holds a license, whether active or not, within **THIRTY days** of the date of the Board approval of this Voluntary Surrender.

CONSENT ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

A. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER: The Respondent voluntarily agrees to surrender her Iowa License #114679 to the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals as sanction for the above-admitted violation. The effective date of the license surrender shall be the date this Voluntary Surrender is accepted by the Board.

B. LICENSEE REAPPLICATION: Reinstatement of Respondent's Iowa license shall be governed by Iowa Code § 272C.15 and 645 Iowa Administrative Code rule 31.14. Respondent specifically acknowledges that pursuant to this agreement, Respondent shall not be eligible to seek reinstatement of their license for a minimum of one year from the date her license surrender is effective.

WHEREFORE, the terms of this Voluntary Surrender of License through Consent Order is agreed to by the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals and Respondent.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by Alexia Slauson on this 26 day of
September, 2024.

Alexia Slauson
By: Alexia Slauson, Respondent

FOR THE IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the **IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** on this 12th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Aaron Culley
Aaron Culley, Chair
Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals