

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

RE: Marital and Family Therapist License of  <b>AMANDA BOCOCK</b> License No. 000396  RESPONDENT	CASE NO.: 18-0074 DIAL CASE NO.: 24DBBS0003  <b>SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER</b>
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**COMES NOW** the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals (“Board”) and Amanda Bocock (“Respondent”), pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 17A.10(2), 272C.3(4), and chapter 154D, enter into this Settlement Agreement and Final Order (“Settlement Agreement”).

1. **Iowa License.** Respondent was issued Iowa marital and family therapist license number 000396 on February 2, 2016. Respondent’s license is active and next expires on September 30, 2026.

2. **Jurisdiction.** The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147, 154D, and 272C as well as 645 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 33.

**A. STIPULATIONS**

3. **Practice Setting:** Respondent practiced under license number 000396 in Ankeny, Iowa, during the time-period relevant to these allegations. Respondent resides in Pleasant Hill, Iowa.

4. **Statement of Charges:** On or about December 4, 2023, the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science<sup>1</sup> found probable cause to file a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges in this matter and charged Respondent with failure to comply with the terms of a board order or the terms of a settlement agreement or consent order in violation of Iowa Administrative Code rule 645-33.2(20).

5. **Allegations:** Respondent holds marital and family therapist license number 000396. At all

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<sup>1</sup> The Board of Behavioral Science has since merged into the Board of Behavioral Health Professionals.

relevant times, Respondent practiced in Ankeny, Iowa. On or about February 25, 2019, Respondent entered a "Settlement Agreement and Final Order" ("Agreement") with the Board to resolve disciplinary case number 18-0074. The Agreement placed Respondent on probation and required Respondent to: a) complete one year of monitored practice which included a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) clinical practice hours prior to being released from probation; b) notify the Board prior to beginning employment in a position that requires licensure; and c) submit a proposed practice monitoring plan to the Board for approval within thirty (30) days of beginning employment in a position that requires licensure and prior to beginning practice monitoring. *Re: Marital and Family Therapist License of Amanda Bocock*, Case No. 18-0074, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER (Mar. 14, 2019) (paragraph 13(a)). Respondent failed to comply with requirements outlined above in (a) through (c). Failing to comply with the outlined requirements constitutes a violation of Iowa Administrative Code rule 645-33.2(20).

## **B. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

6. Respondent acknowledges the allegations in the Statement of Charges, if proven in a contested case hearing, would constitute grounds for the discipline agreed to in this Settlement Agreement.

7. To resolve this matter without proceeding to hearing, Respondent agrees to the following conditions:

a. *Probation.* Respondent's license shall continue for a minimum period of **SIX ADDITIONAL MONTHS**, subject to the following terms and conditions:

i. *Practice Monitor.* Respondent shall complete **SIX ADDITIONAL MONTHS** of monitored practice (the "Probationary Period") that includes a minimum of one hundred twenty-five (125) clinical practice hours before

being released from probation. Respondent shall notify the Board prior to beginning a work contract, whether as an independent contractor or employee, to provide licensed services during the Probationary Period. Within thirty days of beginning a contract to provide licensed services and prior to beginning practice monitoring, Respondent shall submit a proposed practice monitor and practice monitoring plan to the Board for approval by sending the required information and documentation via email to Board Executive Tony Alden at Tony.Alden@dia.iowa.gov. The practice monitor shall be an Iowa-licensed mental health services provider. Practice monitoring, and thus the commencement of the Probationary Period, shall begin on the first business day following the date the Board notifies Respondent via email of its approval of the proposed monitor and practice monitoring plan. Respondent shall provide the practice monitor with a copy of this Settlement Agreement and the 2019 Agreement. Respondent's practice monitor shall perform an initial review of Respondent's practice with the goal of identifying potential areas for improvement. After the initial review meeting, Respondent shall meet, either face-to-face or virtually, with the practice monitor on a monthly basis during the Probationary Period to review Respondent's clinical records. A minimum of **SIX** meetings, in addition to the initial review meeting, is required. Respondent's practice monitor shall submit quarterly reports to the Board. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with practice monitoring and for ensuring the quarterly reports are timely submitted by her practice monitor.

Upon receipt of a report from Respondent's practice monitor indicating concerns with Respondent's practice or recommending future monitoring or practice restrictions, the Board may open a new complaint.

- ii. All quarterly reports are due on January 5, April 5, July 5, and October 5 of each year during the Probationary Period. Any quarterly reports or other required submissions should be mailed to the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing, Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals, Division of Professional Licensing and Regulation, Licensing Bureau, Attn: Tony Alden, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100, Des Moines, Iowa 50321, or emailed to [PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov).

- 8. In entering this Settlement Agreement, Respondent acknowledges the following:
  - a. This Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and will have no force or effect if it is not accepted by the Board.
  - b. Counsel for the State may present this Settlement Agreement to the Board *ex parte*.
  - c. I have the right to be represented by counsel in this matter. I am represented by Casey Alesch of BrownWinick Law Firm.
  - d. I understand I have an opportunity to be heard and to contest the allegations against me in a formal hearing before the Board and that, by waiving the formal hearing, I waive my right to challenge the allegations against me and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review of the Board's actions.
  - e. I understand this Settlement Agreement will be part of my permanent licensure file and may be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.

f. I am voluntarily entering into this Settlement Agreement.

g. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code § 272C.3(2)(a).

h. I understand the Board will report this Settlement Agreement to the National Practitioner Databank. The report the database will reflect the language included in this Order.

i. I understand I am responsible for all expenses incurred to comply with the conditions and requirements of this Settlement Agreement.

j. The factual circumstances alleged, by virtue of their incorporation in this Settlement Agreement, are now public and available for inspection and copying in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C.

9. Respondent shall submit a copy of this Settlement Agreement to all licensing boards where Respondent holds a license, whether active or not, no later than **THIRTY DAYS** following the date this Settlement Agreement is entered by the Board.

10. This Settlement Agreement constitutes discipline against Respondent and is the final agency action in a contested case pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.10.

11. This Settlement Agreement shall not preclude the Board from taking additional action against Respondent should Respondent violate laws, rules, or standards of practice administered by the Board in the future.

12. This Settlement Agreement, when fully executed, is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 22, and 272C.

13. The Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement shall constitute a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

**C. FINAL ORDER**

**WHEREFORE**, the terms of this Settlement Agreement are agreed to by the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals and the Respondent.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED,**

- a. Respondent is **CITED** for failure to comply with the terms of the board order or the terms of a settlement agreement or consent order in violation of Iowa Administrative Code rule 645-33.2(20) and **WARNED** that future violations may result in further disciplinary action.
- b. Respondent shall comply with the probationary terms and conditions described above in Section B, paragraph 7.

**FOR THE RESPONDENT:**

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by Amanda Bocock on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

Signed by:  
Amanda Bocock  
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By: Amanda Bocock, Respondent

**FOR THE IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:**

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the **IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** March 25, 2025.

Aaron L Culley, L I SW  
Board Chair  
Board of Behavioral Health Professionals