

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

IN THE MATTER OF STEPHANIE A. LEVY RESPONDENT	CASE NO.: 24-0119 NOTICE OF HEARING AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES
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COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals (“Board”) and files this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges against Stephanie A. Levy (“Respondent”), pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3), and 272C.3(1)(e), and 481-506.5.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

1. **Hearing.** A contested case hearing shall be held on May 12, 2025, before an Administrative Law Judge from the Administrative Hearings Division. The hearing shall begin at 9:00 a.m. and shall be located in the conference room at the office of the Administrative Hearings Division, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100 – East Entrance, Des Moines, Iowa 50321.

2. **Answer.** Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges, you may file an Answer. In that Answer, you should also state whether you will request a continuance of the date and time of the hearing.

3. **Filing of Pleadings.** Pleadings shall be filed with the Board at the following address: Board of Behavioral Health Professionals, 6200 Park Avenue, Ste. 100, Des Moines, Iowa 50321, by email to Tony Alden at tony.alden@dia.iowa.gov, or electronically using the Administrative Electronic Document Management System (adminhearings.iowa.gov/efile/).

4. **Presiding Officer.** The Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals voted unanimously to delegate this matter to the Administrative Law Judge from the Administrative

Hearings Division of the Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing, to hear this disciplinary matter as well as any pre-hearing matters which may be filed by the parties. The Administrative Law Judge shall serve as presiding officer at the contested case hearing, as well as make initial rulings on prehearing matters.

5. **Prehearing Conference.** Any party may request a prehearing conference to discuss evidentiary issues related to the hearing in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 401-506.17.

6. **Hearing Procedures.** The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at Iowa Administrative Code rule 481-506.19. At the hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by legal counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing, and examine and respond to any documents introduced at hearing. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing, you must comply with the requirements of Iowa Administrative Code Rule 481-506.18. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at the discretion of the Respondent.

7. **Prosecution.** The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board and copies should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Jessica Chandler, 1305 E Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; Jessica.chandler@ag.iowa.gov; 515-281-8373.

8. **Communications.** You may not contact Board members in any manner, including by phone, letter, facsimile, in person or e-mail, about this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Board and serve

upon all parties in the case. You may contact Tony Alden, Board Executive, Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals, at 515-281-4401 or tony.alden@dia.iowa.gov, or Assistant Attorney General, Jessica Chandler, at 515-281-8373 or Jessica.chandler@ag.iowa.gov.

B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

9. **Iowa License.** Respondent was issued Iowa social work license number 115319 on June 29, 2022. Respondent's Iowa social work license is inactive. It expired on December 31, 2024.

10. **Jurisdiction.** The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 154C.

11. **Legal Authority.** If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code chapter 154C and Iowa Administrative Code rule 481-504.2.

12. **Default.** The Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence in accordance with Iowa Code Section 17A.12(3) and Iowa Administrative Code rule 481-506.21.

C. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

COUNT I

13. Respondent is charged under Iowa Administrative Code rule 481-897.2(9)"b" with engaging in sexual activities or sexual contact with a former client within the five years following the termination of the client relationship.

COUNT II

14. Respondent is charged under Iowa Administrative Code rule 481-504.2(11) with having her social work license revoked in the state of Nebraska.

D. STATEMENT OF THE MATTERS ASSERTED

15. **Practice Setting.** Respondent is an Iowa licensed social worker who practiced social work in Omaha, Nebraska, during the time period relevant to these allegations. Respondent currently lives in Omaha, Nebraska.

16. **Allegations.** A short and plain Statement of the Matters Asserted (Statement) was reviewed and approved by the Board at the time this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges was filed. The Statement shall be furnished to Respondent as an attachment to this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. However, the Statement is not a public record pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4)(a).

E. SETTLEMENT

17. This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at Iowa Administrative Code rule 481-506.33. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact the Assistant Attorney General identified above.

F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

18. On March 25, 2025, the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professions found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2025.



Aaron Culley, Chairperson
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PLEASE NOTE: If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in this matter because of a disability, immediately call 515-281-0233. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).