

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>  <b>STEPHANIE A. DAVIES, F/K/A STEPHANIE A. LEVY</b> <b>License number 115319</b>  <b>RESPONDENT.</b>	<b>CASE NO.: 25DBBH0005 24-0119</b>  <b>SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER</b>
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**COME NOW** the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals (“Board”) and Stephanie Davies, formerly known as Stephanie Levy (“Respondent”), and enter into this Settlement Agreement and Final Order (“Order”) pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2), 272C.3(4), and 272C.10 and 481 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 506 and 821 (prior to July 31, 2024, known as 645 Iowa Administrative Code Chapters 13 and 134)

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Jurisdiction.** The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 152C, 272C, and 481 Iowa Administrative Code rule 506 (prior to July 31, 2024, known as 645 Iowa Administrative Code Chapters 13 and 134).
4. **Factual Circumstances.**

On or about the date of July 23, 2019, to February 11, 2022, Respondent engaged in an intimate relationship with a previous client., initials B.D. On or about the date of March 19, 2024,

Respondent had her social work license revoked in the state of Nebraska. Respondent practiced social work in the state of Nebraska.

## **B. STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

### **COUNT I**

5. 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**

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

## **C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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

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

- a. Respondent agrees to immediately relinquish all right, title, and privilege as a licensed social worker in the State of Iowa by **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERING** her license to practice. Respondent acknowledges that this surrender, when accepted by the Board, has the same force and effect as an order of revocation under Iowa Administrative Code rule 481 IAC chapters 506.33. This agreement shall constitute Respondent's written statement of

intention to surrender her license pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code rule 481-506.33.

- b. Following surrender, Respondent shall not use any words or titles which imply or represent that she is a licensed social worker, engage in the practice of social work for which a license is required in the State of Iowa, or otherwise hold herself out to the public as a licensed social worker unless and until her license is reinstated.
- c. Respondent agrees that, should she ever seek reinstatement of her social worker's license, such application shall be subject to the provisions of Iowa Administrative Code rules 481-506.31 and 481-819.13. Respondent's license shall not be reinstated, except upon a showing by Respondent that the basis for revocation of her license no longer exists and that it is in the public interest for the license to be reinstated. Respondent shall bear the burden of proof establishing these facts. Respondent understands that if an initial reinstatement request is denied, the Board may establish requirements that must be met prior to considering a subsequent request. If Respondent's license is reinstated, Respondent understands that the license may be placed on probation or subject to other terms or conditions established through further order of the Board in conjunction with an order granting reinstatement of Respondent's license.
- d. Any documents, notifications, or reports required to be submitted to the Board pursuant to this Order 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, 6200 Park Avenue,

Suite 100, Des Moines, Iowa 50321, or emailed to [tony.alden@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:tony.alden@dia.iowa.gov).

9. In entering this Order, Respondent acknowledges the following:
  - a. This Order 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 will present this Order to the Board *ex parte*.
  - c. I have the right to be represented by counsel in this matter.
  - 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 waive my ability to review the investigative file in this case.
  - f. I understand this Order 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.
  - g. I am voluntarily entering into this Order.
  - h. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code § 272C.3(2)(a).
  - i. I understand the Board is required by federal law to report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank. The report to the database will reflect the language included in this Order.
  - j. I understand I am responsible for all expenses incurred to comply with the conditions and requirements of this Order.

12. Respondent shall submit a copy of this Order 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 Order.

13. This Order constitutes discipline against Respondent pursuant to and in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 481 IAC chapters 506.33. Execution of this Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case. Once entered, this Order shall have the force and effect of a disciplinary order entered following a contested case hearing.

14. This Order 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.

15. This Order becomes a public record available for inspection and copying upon execution in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 22, and 272C.

16. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

#### **D. FINAL ORDER**

#### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

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**FOR THE RESPONDENT:**

This Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for its consideration on the 28 day of April, 2025.

Stephanie Davies  
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Stephanie Davies  
Respondent

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

This Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order is approved by the Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals on April 29, 2025.

*Aaron L. Culley, L.D.S.W.*

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Aaron Culley, Chair  
Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals

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