



BEFORE THE ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF Dr. CARYANNE POPE, RESPONDENT
Case No. # 18-10**

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Arkansas Psychology Board ("Board") and Dr. Caryanne Pope ("Respondent") acknowledge the existence of a controversy regarding whether Respondent has violated Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-97-101, et seq. and the rules of the Board. Now the Board and Respondent willingly enter into a Consent Agreement to resolve the pending controversy.

Whereas, Respondent hereby represents and agrees:

- A. Respondent, having read the proposed Consent Agreement, acknowledges that she has the right to consult with counsel and now enters into this Consent Agreement on her own volition and without any reliance upon any representations by the Board or any officer, employee, agent or other representative thereof, other than as expressly set forth herein.
- B. Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, the right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Agreement.
- C. Respondent agrees that the Board will review and determine whether to approve this Consent Agreement. Furthermore, Respondent agrees that should this Consent Agreement not be approved by the Board, the presentation and consideration of this Consent Agreement by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of the matters involved herein at any subsequent hearing.

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- D. Respondent understands and agrees that approval and entry of this Consent Agreement shall not preclude additional proceedings by the Board against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically addressed herein.
- E. Respondent understands and acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and the Board's records concerning this matter are public records and available to the public pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-101, *et seq.*
- F. This agreement shall not become a valid and enforceable Agreement of this Board unless and until accepted and approved by the Board at an official meeting and executed by the Board Chair or the Chair's designee.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a Licensed Psychologist in the State of Arkansas and holds License No. 09-03P.
- 2. On August 23, 2018, Respondent sent the Board documentation reflecting that Respondent admitted to her employer that she was involved in a dual-relationship with a patient and illegal drug use.
- 3. Respondent asked the Board to suspend her license while she receives treatment for "medical and psychiatric conditions."
- 4. The Board attempted to obtain more information from Respondent's employer but was unable to do so.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 5. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-97-310(a)(8), the Board may suspend a license if a licensee violates the Board's Rules or Code of Ethics.

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6. According to information supplied by Respondent, she violated Ethical Standard 3.05(a) of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct of the American Psychological Association by having an unethical multiple relationship with a client.

AGREEMENT

THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license is hereby suspended as of the date this Consent Agreement is accepted by the Board;
2. No earlier than six (6) months from the date of acceptance by the Board, Respondent may write the Board and request reinstatement of her license. With her request for reinstatement, Respondent should include documentation showing her treatment and rehabilitation. Respondent's license shall remain suspended until reinstated by the Board.

Caryanne Pope, PhD
Dr. Caryanne Pope
Respondent

02.22.2019
Date

Edward C. Kleitsch
Dr. Edward Kleitsch
Chair Arkansas Psychology Board

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