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In The Matter of :
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 SAMUEL SENTELL, PHD, MP : **No. 16-I-029**
 (*Certificate No. MP.000722*), : **CONSENT ORDER**
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 Respondent : _____
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The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt information which indicated that Samuel Sentell, PHD, MP ("Dr. Sentell"), a medical psychologist that is, and was at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, licensed by the Board as a medical psychologist and engaged in the practice of medical psychology in the state of Louisiana pursuant to the Medical Psychology Practice Act, (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §§1360.51-1360.72, may have been allowing the unauthorized practice of medicine by authorizing office staff to make medical determinations and issue prescriptions when he was not physically present in the office.

In his own defense, Dr. Sentell states that he believed that he was overseeing the staff and that his practice was appropriate. Dr. Sentell, nonetheless, acknowledges that the foregoing information could provide the Investigating Officer for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Medical Psychology Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1360.67A(9) and (21)¹, constituting sufficient cause for the revocation, suspension or such other action against his license to practice medical psychology in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

Recognizing his right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Sentell would be entitled to be

¹ Pursuant to La. R.S. §37:1360.67A "The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or certificate, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or certificate issued under this Part for the following causes: (9) Prescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefore or in other than a legal or legitimate manner;... (21) Knowingly performing any act which, in any way, assists an unqualified person to practice medical psychology, or having professional connection with or lending one's name to an illegal practitioner."

represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955-965, Dr. Sentell, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Sentell acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which may be afforded to him by any other law to contest or appeal his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Order in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Sentell also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Sentell expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the adjudication of an administrative complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.67, La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), and the Consent Order heretofore entered herein;

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Samuel Sentell PH.D, MP to practice medical psychology in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. MP.000722, is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for Two (2) years; *provided, however*, that such licensure and Dr. Sentell's continuing exercise of rights and privileges granted thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(1) **Personal Appearance before the Board.** Dr. Sentell shall personally appear before the Board or its designee to permit the Board to consider his intentions to be in compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in this order.

(2) **Practice Monitoring and Quarterly Reports.** Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Sentell shall enter into an agreement with a Board-approved practice monitor to monitor and review Dr. Sentell's medical psychology practice during the probationary period. The practice monitor shall review no less than ten (10) records a quarter. The practice monitoring shall provide quarterly reports to the Board that will include an opinion as to whether Dr. Sentell is practicing and documenting his patient's evaluation and treatment in accordance with the prevailing standards of a medical psychology practice. Dr. Sentell shall bear all costs associated with the practice monitor program.

(3) **Course on Professionalism and Medical Ethics.** Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Sentell shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on professionalism and medical ethics. The course shall be approved in advance by the Board. On or before the expiration of six (6) months

from the effective date of this Order Dr. Sentell shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision.

(4) Course on Proper Prescribing. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Sentell shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on the proper prescribing of controlled substances. The course shall be approved in advance by the Board. On or before the expiration of six (6) months from the effective date of this Order Dr. Sentell shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision.

(5) Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Sentell shall obtain not less than fifty (50) credit hours per year during his probationary term through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education programs ("CME") accredited by the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, or such other national accrediting association or organization as the Board may approve in writing. On or before the anniversary of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Sentell shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by him during the preceding twelve (12) months.

(6) Absence from State/Practice/Effect on Probation. Should Dr. Sentell at any time during the period of probation ordered herein be absent from the state of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country or discontinue practicing medical psychology for a period of thirty (30) days or more, or should he fail to renew his license to practice medical psychology in this state, he shall advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period ordered herein and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence to run until Dr. Sentell notifies the Board in writing that he has returned to, relocated or taken up residency in, resumed the practice of medical psychology in this state, or renewed his Louisiana medical psychology license. In such instance, Dr. Sentell shall not receive credit toward completion of the probationary period for the time during which he was absent from the State of Louisiana or while he was not engaged or licensed to practice medical psychology in this state.

(7) Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms. At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary term imposed herein, Dr. Sentell shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order. The probationary period and all of its terms and conditions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended and continued in full force and effect pending Dr. Sentell's compliance with the requirements of this provision.

(8) Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer. Dr. Sentell shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers

and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order.

(9) Probation Monitoring Fee. For each year of the probationary term Dr. Sentell shall pay the Board a probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.

(10) Payment of Fine. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Sentell shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand and no/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

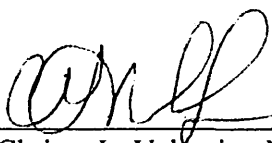
(11) Effective Date. This Consent Order shall be effective the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of its representative below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Sentell shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Sentell's license to practice medical psychology in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.67.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 17th day of July, 2017.

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By: 
Christy L. Valentine M.D.
Vice-President

Acknowledgment and Consent on the following page

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF Caddo

I, **SAMUEL SENTELL, PHD, MP.**, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 16 day of June, 2017.

Samuel Sentell PhD MP
SAMUEL SENTELL, PHD, MP

WITNESSES:

Brian Burnside Sentell
Signature

Stacey Pryor
Signature

Beth Burnside Sentell
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of June, 2017
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Anna K Kidd 52695
Notary Public (Signature)

ANNA K. KIDD, NOTARY PUBLIC
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA
MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE
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Printed Name & Notary or Bar Number