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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions

vs.

Complaint No.: C16-977
Licensee No.: MHC00764

Matthew Raymond Amore

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists Statute RIGL Chapter 5-63.2 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter the "Department"), and the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists (hereinafter the "Board"), has investigated a complaint charging Matthew Raymond Amore, MHC00764 (hereinafter the "Respondent") with a violation of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists statute, RIGL Chapter 5-63.2.

After review and consideration by the Department and the Board with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of the Respondent, the following are and shall constitute

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a mental health counselor licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under mental health counselor License Number, MHC00764.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by East Bay Community Action Program, East Providence, Rhode Island.
3. That on or about July 2015 Respondent was engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a client.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and

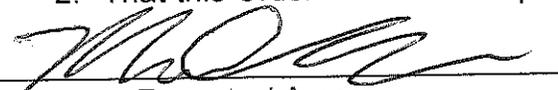
Family Therapists Statute, RIGL Chapter 5-63.2 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under.

5. That the Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
6. That the Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and the Department and/or Board.
7. That the Respondent understands the purpose of this Consent Order is solely to resolve the complaint of unprofessional conduct alleged against the Respondent.
8. That the Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to have an Administrative Hearing on this matter;
 - b) The right to represent himself/herself or be represented by an Attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
 - c) The right to present testimony, evidence and witnesses on Respondent's behalf;
 - d) The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by the Department;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) The right to take an appeal from the terms of this Consent Order.

ACCORDINGLY AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

The Rhode Island Department of Health and the Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this complaint:

1. That Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Suspension of three years and must submit evidence of completion of (20) continuing education requirements (CEUs) upon renewal of mental health counselor licensure.
2. That this Order shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.


Matthew Raymond Amore
MHC00764


Sarah Harrigan, Chief, Center for
Professional Boards

Date: 11/6/16

Date: 11/21/16