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COMPLAINT NOS. 2024-00211 AND 2024-00302

TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, **Petitioner**	§	**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE**
v.	§	**OF**
[redacted] **Respondent**	§	**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S CLOSING BRIEF

COMES NOW, The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (Council or Petitioner), in the above entitled and numbered cause is submitting its Response to Respondent's Closing Brief and would show the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") and the assigned Administrative Law Judge the following:

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LIFE COACHING AND THE PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

The Respondent chose to get a license as a marriage and family therapist. He was aware of the marriage and family therapy rules when he became licensed.

The State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists chose to specifically include "life coaching and any related techniques and modalities" as services a marriage and family therapist may provide.

Respondent knew or should have known that life coaching was included in the marriage and family therapy rules. When Respondent began seeing clients as a life coach after his license was suspended, he was, by definition, practicing marriage and family therapy in violation of the order. Likewise, had he conducted mediations while his license was suspended, he would have been in violation of the suspension.

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