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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

Marcella C. Haslam, Ed.D.
License No. *1137*

:
: CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners ("Board") upon the Board's investigation into the licensure application of Andrew Cangelosi, a licensee of the Board, and upon information that respondent Marcella C. Haslam, Ed.D., had supervised this licensee.

Respondent appeared before a committee of the Board on July 10, 1995 and October 2, 1995 to answer questions under oath regarding her supervision of the staff of Westfield Counseling Center ("Center") located in Westfield, New Jersey, during the period 1989 to 1993. Respondent was represented by counsel, John P. Dizzia, Esq., and testified that she had supervised only two of the unlicensed counselors working at the Center during the aforesaid period. At some point, respondent agreed to have a rubber stamp of her signature made and further agreed that this rubber stamp could be used by individuals at the Center for placement on billing statements. Respondent failed to inquire as to the exact purpose for which

her signature stamp was to be used, and never attempted to maintain control and supervision over the use of this signature stamp. Respondent never attempted to restrict the use of the signature stamp and relied on unlicensed individuals to determine how and when said stamp was to be used.

Respondent's signature stamp was used, apparently without her knowledge, on billing statements which were sent to insurance carriers by unlicensed individuals at the Center for purposes of obtaining insurance reimbursement. In many cases, these billing statements misrepresented to insurance companies that respondent was the clinical supervisor of an unlicensed counselor and a specific client of the counselor when, in fact, she was not. This claim was buttressed by the fact that respondent's signature stamp appeared on the form which was sent to the insurance carrier for reimbursement purposes. Based on this misrepresentation, insurance companies paid certain individuals at the Center for counseling services when these individuals should not have obtained insurance money for the unlicensed and unsupervised services which they had rendered.

Respondent apparently did not realize that some financial gains which she may have received from the Center for her supervision of two unlicensed counselors may have been based on the misdeeds of others. Respondent admits that she did not retain any control and/or supervision over her stamped signature and respondent further admits that she did not know or inquire to what purpose her signature stamp was used. The aforesaid conduct constitutes the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) and (e).

Respondent being desirous of resolving this matter, and the resolution contained herein being adequately protective of the public interest;

IT IS on this day of , 1996,

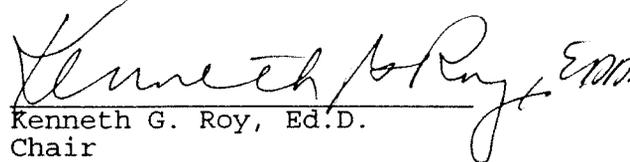
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent Marcella C. Haslam, Ed.D., be and hereby is reprimanded for failure to exercise diligent and appropriate supervision over the manner in which her signature stamp was used by unlicensed individuals.

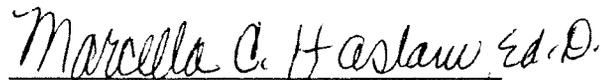
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2500 by certified check or money order payable to the Board of Psychological Examiners contemporaneously with the submission of this Order.

3. Respondent shall pay all administrative and investigative costs involved in this investigation in the amount of \$1616.30 by certified check or money order payable to the Board of Psychological Examiners and sent to the Executive Director of the Board of Psychological Examiners at the Board's address within thirty days of the entry of this Order.

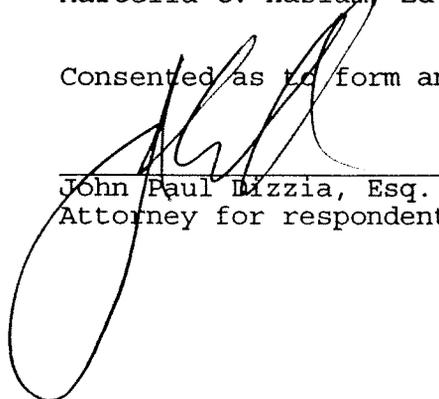
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS


Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Chair

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.


Marcella C. Haslam, Ed.D.

Consented as to form and entry


John Paul Dizzia, Esq.
Attorney for respondent