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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

In the Matter of _____ :
BONNIE JEAN GARNER CSW : Administrative Action
Licensed to practice Social Work: :
in the State of New Jersey : CONSENT ORDER
_____ :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("the Board") upon receipt of information that Bonnie Jean Garner ("respondent"), a Certified Social Worker ("CSW"), appeared to be working beyond her scope as a CSW by providing clinical social work services. Specifically, respondent had provided a client with a receipt/statement for the purpose of that client submitting the receipt/statement to an insurance company for a determination regarding reimbursement for services provided by respondent. The receipt/statement indicated the following: "Lic/Cert.-P-961380:SW11154". The "SW11154" refers to respondent's certification number as a CSW. The "P-961380" appears to refer to respondent's membership registration number in the National Association For The Advancement Of Psychoanalysis ("NAAP"). Based upon this receipt/statement, the insurance company

made a routine certification/licensure verification request to the Board regarding respondent's certification to engage in social work.

By letter of April 28, 1999, respondent replied to the Board's inquiry through her attorney, John Dizzia, Esq. Among other things, respondent stated that she does not offer her services to the public as a CSW, but rather has an individual practice providing psychoanalytic services, as well as movement therapy, consistent with her training in psychoanalysis as recognized by NAAP.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the submission of respondent and the materials she sent, it appears to the Board that respondent failed to conform to standard social work practice in the State of New Jersey. Specifically, respondent used her social work certification number as part of her letterhead on her receipt/statement for services rendered although respondent claims that she does not offer social work services of any type to the public. This use of respondent's social work certification number is a misrepresentation to the public. Further, it is a misrepresentation to insurance companies who must make a determination of whether to cover the therapy being provided by respondent. This conduct violates N.J.A.C. 13:44G-11.2(c) and constitutes violations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 b. and e.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 13th DAY OF September 1999,

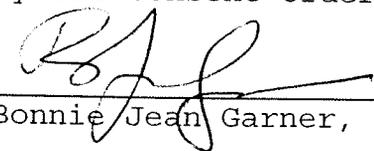
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

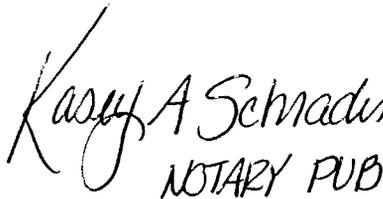
1. Respondent shall cease and desist from using her designation as a CSW and her certification number when she is not providing social work services.

2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for her misrepresentation regarding her social work practice. Respondent shall pay the penalty within fourteen (14) days of the entry of the within Consent Order. The payments shall be by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to Leslie Aronson, Executive Director, State Board of Social Work Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.


Mariagnes Lattimer, MSW, LCSW

I have read the within Consent Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its entry and to be bound by the Consent Order's terms.


Bonnie Jean Garner, CSW


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