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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 :
: Administrative Action
PAUL A. REILLY CSW :
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Certified to Practice Social : CONSENT ORDER
Work in the State of New Jersey:
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("the Board") on the basis of information received from the Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Specifically, the information disclosed that on May 17, 2000 at the Bristol Manor Care Center in Rochelle Park, New Jersey, Paul Reilly (the "respondent"), a Certified Social Worker ("CSW") became involved in an altercation with an elderly patient for which respondent was terminated from employment at Bristol Manor Care Center on May 19, 2000. Based upon this incident, the Enforcement Bureau, Division

of Consumer Affairs, conducted an extensive investigation into respondent's professional career for approximately the last ten years. On March 15, 2001, respondent appeared with his counsel Richard Denes, Esq. for an investigative inquiry before a committee of the Board. At the March 21, 2001 meeting, the committee reported on the matter to the full Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the report with exhibits by the Enforcement Bureau and the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent's conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without resort to formal disciplinary proceedings and that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order,

IT IS ON THIS 4th DAY OF September 2001,
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's certification to practice social work in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for a period of five years commencing upon the entry of the within Consent Order. The first two years of the suspension shall be active, and the remaining three years shall be stayed and shall serve as a period of probation conditioned upon full compliance with the terms of the within Consent Order.

2. Upon respondent's signing of the within Consent Order, respondent shall immediately return by registered mail his New Jersey certification to Leslie Aronson, Executive Director, State Board of Social Work Examiners, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. The active suspension of respondent's license to practice social work means that respondent shall not hold himself out as a social worker or practice social work in this State or any other state, including but not limited to, exempt settings as defined in N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5.

4. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for his unprofessional conduct as described above.

5. Commencing upon the entry of the within Consent Order, respondent shall engage in therapy with a Board approved therapist for a minimum of twenty-four months. The first twelve months of therapy shall be at a minimum of once a week, and the frequency of therapy for the second twelve months shall be at the discretion of the therapist. Respondent shall provide the therapist with a copy of this Consent Order. Respondent shall cause the therapist to provide quarterly reports directly to the Board with respect to his attendance and progress in therapy.

6. Prior to reinstatement, respondent shall submit to a comprehensive psychological evaluation performed by a Board approved therapist. Respondent shall pay all costs of said

evaluation, arrange for the therapist to provide the Board with a copy of the evaluation, and agree to the release of any and all records relating to the evaluation.

7. Prior to resumption of any active practice and during the stayed part of the suspension, respondent shall appear before the Board to demonstrate his ability and fitness to practice social work. The Board reserves the right to decline to reinstate or to impose such restrictions or limitations as it may deem necessary. The right to reinstate shall not be unreasonably withheld. During the stayed term of the suspension, respondent shall practice only under the supervision of a Board approved supervisor who shall be provided by respondent with a copy of the Consent Order and who respondent shall cause to provide quarterly reports directly to the Board regarding the supervision.

8. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for conduct providing a basis for discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

9. Respondent shall pay the costs of the investigation of this matter in the amount of eleven thousand, eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$11,800.00).

10. Respondent shall pay the above penalty and cost, totaling fourteen thousand, three hundred dollars (\$14,300.00), over a period of twenty-two consecutive months. The first six

monthly payments (payments #1-#6) shall be in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00). The second six monthly payments (payments #7-#12) shall be in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), and the last ten monthly payments (payments #13-#22) shall be in the amount of eight hundred and thirty dollars (\$830.00). The payments shall be due by the tenth day of each month with the first payment being due on the tenth day of the month following the entry of the within Consent Order. All 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, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101. If any payment is not timely, the full remaining amount shall become immediately due and payable.

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS


Mariagnes Lattimer, Ph.D MSW, LCSW
President

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


Paul A. Reilly (C.S.W.)

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 PAUL REILLY :

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CERTIFICATION

I, ANN ROTA, being of full age, certify and say:

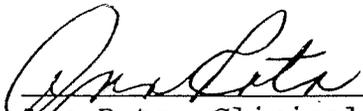
1. I am the Clinical Supervisor of Summer House in Bergen County which is a non-profit residential program for psychiatric clients run by West Bergen Mental Health Care.

2. Paul Reilly was hired on August 16, 2001 as a relief counselor for Summer House where he interacted directly with clients, observing and overseeing their behavior, including the taking of medication.

3. Upon receiving information that Mr. Reilly's certification had been suspended by the Board of Social Work Examiners, Mr. Reilly was terminated from employment on October 26, 2001.

4. I certify that all of the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Date: 11/20/01



Ann Rota, Clinical Supervisor

