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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
JAMES LONG, JR. LCSW	:	CONSENT ORDER
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Licensed to Practice	:	
Social Work in the	:	
State of New Jersey	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("the Board") upon information received regarding the social work practice of James Long, Jr. ("respondent"), Licensed Clinical Social Worker ("LCSW"). Respondent owns a for-profit psychotherapy practice doing business as Cornerstone Counseling Center with offices in Verona, New Jersey and Flanders, New Jersey. Respondent and Cornerstone Counseling Center offer and provide psychotherapy/counseling services for individuals, groups, couples, and families and provide treatment for a variety of issues. It is alleged that some staff members of Cornerstone

Counseling Center have provided psychotherapy/counseling services despite the fact that they hold no license in New Jersey which would allow them to provide this service.

On July 15, 2003, respondent appeared with his counsel, Chris Colabella, Esq. for an investigative inquiry before a committee of the Board which reported back to the full Board. At the investigative inquiry, respondent admitted that the majority of the individuals at Cornerstone Counseling who offered and provided psychotherapy/counseling services did not hold any license in the State of New Jersey which would allow them to engage in this type of practice. Respondent testified that it was his belief that an unlicensed person could provide psychotherapy services as long as he or she was pursuing licensure and was supervised by a licensed person.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Board that respondent's conduct in hiring unlicensed persons to provide psychotherapy/counseling services and allowing them to provide such services in his private practice, Cornerstone Counseling Center, constitutes aiding and abetting or permitting unlicensed persons to perform an act for which a license is required in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

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 10th DAY OF September 2003,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from employing or permitting or aiding and abetting any individual to offer and/or provide psychotherapy or any type of therapy or counseling unless that individual is licensed to provide the services he or she is offering and/or providing.

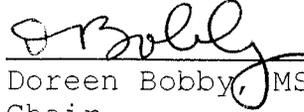
2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for conduct which constitutes aiding and abetting or permitting unlicensed persons to perform an act for which a license is required in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

3. Respondent shall pay the costs to the State of the investigation in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

4. The above penalty and costs in the total amount of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) shall be paid in ten consecutive, monthly installments. Each payment shall be in the amount of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) and shall be due on or before the first day of each month until the penalty and costs are paid in full. The first payment of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) shall be due on or before October 1, 2003. Payment shall be by **certified check or money order**, payable to the State of New Jersey and sent to Kay McCormack, Executive Director, State Board of Social Work Examiners, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New

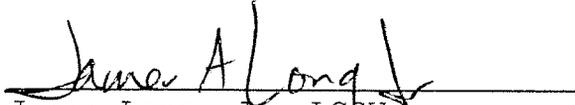
Jersey 07101. If any payment is untimely, the full amount shall be immediately due and payable.

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Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair

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.



James Long, Jr. LCSW