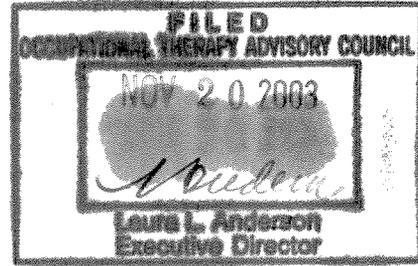


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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
	:	Administrative Action
SHARON ANN GAROFALO	:	
(Unlicensed)	:	CONSENT ORDER
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THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Advisory Council ("Council") upon the application of Sharon Ann Garofalo ("Respondent") for a license to practice occupational therapy. In connection with that application, the Council received information that during the period July 1, 2001 until the present the Respondent engaged in the unlicensed practice of occupational therapy at Mt. Olive Township School District while Respondent's application for licensure remained incomplete beyond the July 1, 2001 deadline established under 33 N.J.R. 1965(b).

The Respondent maintains that she possessed the necessary qualifications to have received licensure prior to July 1, 2001 if the Council had timely received all documentation necessary for consideration of her licensure application. Respondent further maintains, as evidenced by the Council possessing various portions for Respondent's application for licensure prior to July 1, 2001, that Respondent had forwarded, prior to July 1, 2001, all necessary documentation, including the application with appropriate costs, for the Council to consider Respondent's application for licensure.

It appearing that the Respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings and the Council finding entry of the Consent Order to be in the public interest:

IT IS ON THIS 20 day of November, 2003 ORDERED and AGREED that:

1. A license to practice occupational therapy in the State of New Jersey as a licensed occupational therapist shall be issued to Respondent upon completion of all requirements for licensure. The Council represents that Respondent is currently in possession of all required items necessary for consideration of Respondent's application for licensure and agrees to utilize best efforts in expeditiously reviewing Respondent's application subsequent to the mutual execution and effectiveness of this Order.

2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for practicing, subsequent to the July 1, 2001 deadline, occupational therapy prior to the completion of her licensure application. Further, said penalty shall be paid immediately by either certified check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey" and submitted to Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director, Occupational therapy Advisory Council, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASVISORY COUNCIL

BY: Mariann E. Moran, Chair

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I have read and understand
this Consent Order and agree to be
bound by its items. I further
hereby consent to the entry of
this Order.

Sharon Ann Garofalo
SHARON ANN GAROFALO