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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE         | : |                               |
| APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OF | : | Administrative Action         |
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| <b>CAROL JENNETT</b>         | : |                               |
|                              | : |                               |
| TO PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL  | : | CONSENT ORDER GRANTING        |
| WORK IN THE STATE OF         | : | RESTRICTED LICENSE TO         |
| NEW JERSEY                   | : | PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK |

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This matter was opened before the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"), upon review of respondent's application for licensure as a clinical social worker.

Respondent previously submitted an application for a social work license on March 9, 2000. In her 2000 application respondent stated that she had been convicted of one crime in 1988 related to her drug addiction. Respondent described her rehabilitation and was granted a license to practice social work. In respondent's 2004 application for licensure as a clinical social worker she again responded that she had been convicted of a crime and did not submit any supporting documents other than stating "previously submitted." During the year 2004 respondent also submitted an application for licensure as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor. Pursuant to a criminal history background check, several other criminal convictions of respondent

were revealed, some of which were listed under other surnames. The Board sent respondent a copy of the criminal history summary and respondent admitted that she had been convicted of jostling, loitering and prostitution; however, she reported that the convictions were more than fifteen (15) years ago and prior to her rehabilitation, education and training for a Master's degree in Social Work.

Respondent appeared with her attorney, Steven I. Kern, Esq., before the Board on October 20, 2004 to discuss her criminal history and her qualifications for licensure as a clinical social worker. She testified about her successful rehabilitation beginning in 1990 and her career as a social worker. She also provided letters of recommendation discussing the work she has performed over the past ten years. During her testimony she acknowledged that her failure to disclose her complete criminal history on two applications to the Board of Social Work Examiners and on an application to the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was a "significant mistake." Respondent testified that she failed to disclose the entirety of her record because she was "so ashamed." Upon questioning, respondent admitted each of her convictions and explained how her difficult past enables her to help others. Respondent also discussed how her rehabilitation had changed her life. She expressed remorse about her lack of candor.

The Board having reviewed respondent's application, letters of recommendation, evidence of success in the field of social work, documentation that her last criminal conviction was more than fifteen (15) years ago and considered that she acknowledges her mistakes and has remorse regarding her failure to disclose all of her convictions; and the Board finding that the following disposition of this matter

is adequately protective of the public, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2005

ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall be granted a restricted license to practice clinical social work conditioned upon compliance with the terms of this Consent Order and all requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker.

2. Respondent is reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b) for misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose her full criminal history on three (3) separate license applications that she filed with the Division of Consumer Affairs.

3. Respondent shall begin a period of probation for one (1) year beginning with the date of the filing of this order and until receipt of written notification from the Board stating that respondent has fully complied with the terms of this order. Periods of time during which respondent is not employed as a practicing social worker shall be excluded from the computation of time to be served on probation. During the period of probation, respondent's clinical social work shall be supervised by a New Jersey licensed clinical social worker who can demonstrate compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1(a)4. The supervisor shall be provided with a copy of this order and shall provide the Board with quarterly progress reports regarding his/her supervision of respondent and respondent's progress for a minimum of one year and until further order of the Board. At a minimum, respondent shall meet face-to-face with her supervisor for a one hour session per month to review respondent's cases. An unfavorable report may be considered a violation of probation.

4. Upon completion of the period of probation, respondent may submit to the Board a request for an unrestricted clinical social work license after demonstrating that respondent has complied with the conditions of probation set forth in this order. Respondent shall appear before the Board or a committee of the Board, if so requested by the Board. Regardless of whether respondent is required to appear before the Board or a committee, the burden shall be upon respondent to produce evidence acceptable to the Board that she is fit and competent to independently practice clinical social work and that she is capable of discharging the functions of a licensed clinical social worker in a manner consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the public.

5. Respondent shall be precluded from engaging in any independent or private practice unless and until the Board issues an Order granting her an unrestricted license to practice clinical social work.

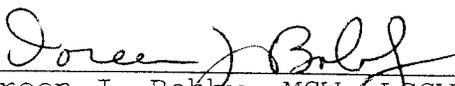
6. Respondent shall remain in psychotherapy during the period of probation at a frequency to be determined by the therapist but not less than once per week. Respondent shall submit her current psychotherapist's name and credentials to the Board for evaluation within ten (10) days of the filing of this Consent Order. In the event the psychotherapist is not approved by the Board, respondent shall provide the Board with the credentials of an alternate psychotherapist for approval within ten (10) days of notification that the psychotherapist has not been approved. Unilateral cessation of therapy by respondent shall constitute a violation of this order. In the event respondent ceases therapy with her approved therapist, respondent shall notify the Board in writing within three (3) days of cessation of treatment with the reasons therefor and shall submit

the credentials of an alternate psychotherapist to the Board for approval within ten (10) days thereafter. Respondent shall provide all therapists with a copy of the within order. Periods of time during which respondent is not in therapy shall be excluded from the computation of time to be served as probation. During the probationary period, respondent's psychotherapist shall provide the Board with quarterly reports expounding upon respondent's progress in therapy including respondent's ability to truthfully and honestly deal with her past criminal history.

7. During the period of probation and continuing thereafter respondent shall obey all of the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of social work in this State or any other State.

8. During the period of probation, respondent shall inform all of her employers and supervisors of the terms of this order immediately upon beginning employment and provide them with a copy of the order. Respondent shall cause her employers and supervisor to acknowledge in writing that they have each received a copy of this order. Respondent shall provide a copy of each such acknowledgment to the Board within ten (10) days of signature.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK  
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Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW  
Chair

I have read the above order  
and I understand and agree to

abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board of Social Work Examiners to enter this Order.

Carol Jennett  
Carol Jennett

Consent as to form and entry:

Steven I. Kern, Esq.  
Attorney for Carol Jennette

I have read the within Order. I agree to provide psychotherapy to Carol Jennette and shall submit quarterly reports to the Board. I further agree to notify the Board in writing if psychotherapy ceases, in accordance with this order.

Elizabeth McLaughlin, LCSW  
(name) License # 44SC 04797400  
Therapist

I have read the within Order. I agree to supervise Carol Jennett's clinical practice of social work during face to face sessions a minimum of one time per month for one hour and to report quarterly to the Board regarding her progress.

Russell H. Van Kampen, LCSW License # 44 SC 00 537200  
(Print name) Supervisor  
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(including area code and extension number)