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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
 DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
 ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
 OF THE OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
 FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE :
 APPLICATION OF : Administrative Action
 :
 KHALIL A. HAMZA :
 : CONSENT ORDER
 TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG :
 COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF :
 NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee"), upon review of Mr. Hamza's application for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor. In his application Mr. Hamza revealed that he had been convicted of criminal offenses and that he was a Certified Social Worker. The Committee reviewed a Criminal History Summary which revealed that between 1972 and 1975 Mr. Hamza had been convicted of

several violent crimes. The Committee also reviewed Mr. Hamza's 1994 application for certification as a social worker and noted that he responded "no" to the question "Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a crime?"

The applicant appeared pro se before the Committee on April 15, 2005 to discuss his work history, criminal history and his failure to disclose his criminal history in a 1994 application for certification as a social worker. Mr. Hamza testified that he had been convicted of crimes between 1972 and 1975 and failed to disclose the convictions in his application for certification as a social worker. He testified that he was mistaken in failing to disclose his criminal history and that he "must have been nervous" when he completed the application. Further he testified that in 1981 he changed his name from George Berdeguez, Jr. to Khalil A. Hazma. The applicant denied that his name change had any relation to his failure to disclose his criminal history on a social work certification application. He expressed remorse about his criminal history and his lack of candor in completing the application for certification as a social worker. He also testified about his successful and fulfilling work as a social worker and as an alcohol and drug counselor.

The Committee having reviewed the documents and testimony and having considered that Mr. Hamza's last criminal conviction was thirty (30) years ago, that he acknowledges his mistake and has remorse regarding his failure to disclose his convictions and his criminal history; and having balanced the applicant's ability to practice with the Committee's need to protect the public and finding that the following disposition of this matter is adequately protective of the public, resolving this matter only on behalf of the Committee, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 15th DAY OF Dec., 2005

ORDERED:

1. Mr. Hamza shall be granted a certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling conditioned upon compliance with the terms of this Consent Order and all requirements for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor. The terms of the within Order shall remain in effect unless and until there is a subsequent Order of the Committee.

2. Mr. Hamza shall be precluded from requesting any modification of the within Consent Order and from applying for clinical licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor for a period of one year from the filing of the within Consent Order.

3. Mr. Hamza is reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 for misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose his criminal history on his 1994 application for certification as a social worker.

4. Mr. Hamza shall immediately (within 3 days of the filing of the within Order) inform his current employer of the terms of this order and shall cause his supervisor to acknowledge in writing that the employer has received a copy of this order. In the event Mr. Hamza obtains additional or alternative employment, he shall inform each such employer immediately of the terms of this Consent Order and shall cause each supervisor to acknowledge in writing that the employer has received a copy of this order. Mr. Hamza shall provide a copy of each supervisor's acknowledgment to the Committee within five (5) days of signature by his supervisor.

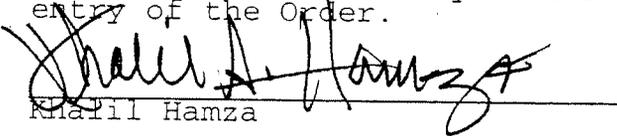
5. Mr. Hamza is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose his criminal history in his 1994 application for certification as a social worker. Said penalty shall be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family

Therapy Examiners, P.O. Box 45040, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The penalty is due upon signing of the within Consent Order. In the event Mr. Hamza is able to submit proof that he has already paid a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners for misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose his criminal history in his 1994 application for certification as a social worker, the civil penalty assessed by the Committee shall be stayed.

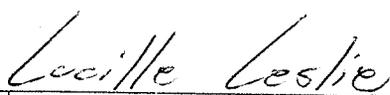
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Edward Reading, LCADC
Committee Chair

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


Khalil Hamza

I have read the within Order and have given a copy of the within Order to my employer.



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