



in a limited capacity under supervision and that she is currently undergoing treatment regarding her medical condition.

The Committee having reviewed Ms. Bender-Melillo's application, her credible testimony and demeanor and having balanced her 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, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 20th DAY OF January, 2005.

ORDERED:

1. Ms. Bender-Melillo shall be granted certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling conditioned upon compliance with the terms of this Consent Order.

2. Ms. Bender-Melillo's practice of alcohol and drug counseling work shall be limited to work under the direct supervision of a Committee approved supervisor in a structured social service or treatment center and her work shall be limited to the performance of intakes and assessments.

3. Ms. Bender-Melillo's current supervisor shall be provided with, agree to comply with and sign a copy of this Consent Order and the signed Consent Order shall be returned to the Committee within ten (10) days of its service on Ms. Bender-Melillo. At a minimum, the supervisor shall meet face-to-face with Ms Bender-Melillo for a one hour session per month to review her cases. Additional supervision may be scheduled in the supervisor's discretion. The supervisor shall immediately (within 24 hours) report to the Committee in writing of any indication that Ms. Bender-Melillo is not capable of continued practice or has violated the statutes or regulations governing the practice of alcohol and drug counseling or poses any danger to her clients.

4. In the event Ms. Bender-Melillo proposes a new supervisor, she must submit the proposed supervisor's name and credentials for Committee approval. If the supervisor is approved, she must provide her new supervisor with a copy of Consent Order, and the new supervisor shall agree to comply with and sign a copy of the Consent Order which shall be submitted to the Committee within ten (10) days of the change of supervisors.

5. Ms. Bender-Melillo shall be precluded from engaging in any independent or private practice unless and until the Committee issues her a license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling.

6. Ms. Bender-Melillo shall be precluded from supervising any practice of alcohol and drug counseling unless and until the Committee issues her a license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling.

7. Ms. Bender-Melillo shall remain in psychotherapy unless and until the Committee issues a subsequent written order. Ms. Bender-Melillo shall submit a copy of the Consent Order signed by the therapist and a copy of the therapist's credentials to the Committee within ten (10) days of the filing of this Consent Order. The therapist shall provide the Committee with quarterly reports regarding Ms. Bender-Melillo's progress, compliance with the Consent Order and her treatment plan. Unilateral cessation of therapy by Ms. Bender-Melillo shall constitute a violation of this order. The therapist shall immediately (within 24 hours) report to the Committee in writing if Ms. Bender-Melillo unilaterally ceases therapy, is not compliant with her treatment plan, there is any indication of a relapse, or if Ms. Bender-Melillo is not capable of continued practice or poses any danger to her clients.

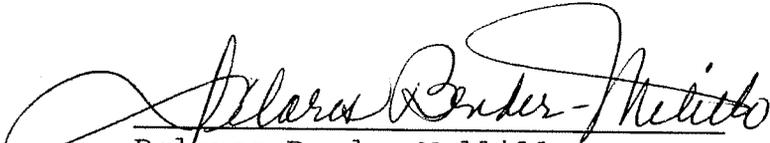
8. In the event Ms. Bender-Melillo ceases therapy with her current therapist, she shall notify the Committee in writing within three (3) days of cessation of treatment with the reason therefor and the therapist shall submit a report to the Committee explaining the reason for cessation of therapy. Within ten (10) days of cessation of therapy with her therapist, Ms. Bender-Melillo shall submit the credentials of an another therapist to the Committee for approval by the Committee. In the event the therapist is not approved by the Committee, Ms. Bender-Melillo shall provide the Committee with the credentials of an alternate psychotherapist for approval within ten (10) days of the notification that the therapist has not been approved. Ms. Bender-Melillo shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to any subsequent therapists, who must agree to comply and sign a copy of the Consent Order and submit the signed Consent Order to the Committee. If at anytime Ms. Bender-Melillo is not under the care of an approved therapist or is unable to continue with therapy, she shall immediately cease and desist engaging in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling.

9. This order shall remain in effect until there is a subsequent written order concerning Ms. Bender-Melillo's ability to engage in the certified or licensed practice of alcohol and drug counseling.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE  
OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

  
Edward Reading, LCADC  
Committee Chair

I have read the above order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the State Board of Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

  
Delores Bender-Mellillo

I have read the within Order. I agree to the supervision and reporting requirements in this order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)  
Supervisor  
Telephone #  
(including area code and extension number)

License #  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

I have read the within Consent Order and agree as Ms. Bender-Melill's therapist to provide the Committee with quarterly reports regarding her compliance with her treatment plan, and to the other reporting requirements herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)  
Therapist  
Telephone #  
(including area code and extension)

(Title and License #)  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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Delores Bender-Mellillo

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\* Julia A. Hallberg

(Print name)

Supervisor

Telephone # 973-927-0931 x 255 (cell # 732-779-6550)

License # 37LC00097100 (LCADC)

Dated: 5/27, 2005

I have read the within Consent Order and agree as Ms. Bender-Mellillo's therapist to provide the Committee with quarterly reports regarding her compliance with her treatment plan, and to the other reporting requirements herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)

Therapist

Telephone #

(including area code and extension)

(Title and License #)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

\* Enclosed please find copies of my certificates for LCADC and LPC.

*Julia A. Hallberg*

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Delores Bender-Mellillo

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)

License #

Supervisor

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

Telephone #

(including area code and extension number)

I have read the within Consent Order and agree as Ms. Bender-Melill's therapist to provide the Committee with quarterly reports regarding her compliance with her treatment plan, and to the other reporting requirements herein.

Rhonda W. Rapps, PsyD.

Practicing Psychologist

License No.

(Print name)

(Title and License #)

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Therapist Rhonda W. Rapps, PsyD

Dated: 11/8, 2005

Telephone # 732-469-7676

(including area code and extension)