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

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

VINCENT B. CARDARELLI

CONSENT ORDER

ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED
PRACTICE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG
COUNSELING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of a complaint from client B.A. alleging that respondent engaged in the independent practice of alcohol and drug counseling for a fee and was not licensed by the Committee or any other mental health licensing board, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:2D-8. Respondent was previously certified to engage in alcohol and drug counseling until July 31, 2006.

Respondent admitted in a letter to the Committee, dated December 7, 2006, that from 2004 through 2006 he engaged in the independent practice

of alcohol and drug counseling for a fee of \$45.00 per session in his home office. Further respondent admitted that he treated B.A. for five sessions and treated her husband R.A. for three sessions. Respondent stated that he did not renew his certification because he retired in June of 2006.

On April 12, 2007 an investigator, operating in a covert capacity, called the respondent. Respondent stated that he was "retired right now" but offered to treat the investigator and her husband concerning substance abuse family issues for a fee of \$45.00 for a one hour session at his home office.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that respondent has engaged in the unlicensed practice of alcohol and drug counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:2D-8 as he practiced after his certification expired on July 31, 2006 and does not hold any license or certification which would entitle him to offer or engage in the independent practice of alcohol and drug counseling in New Jersey.

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 29th DAY OF MAY, 2007

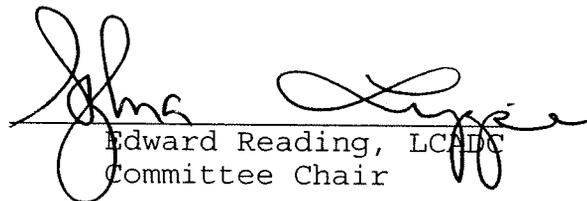
ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from offering or engaging in any mental health counseling, including but not limited to alcohol and drug counseling, marriage and family therapy and/or psychotherapy unless he is licensed or certified by the Committee or

otherwise appropriately licensed in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling services.

2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, P.O. Box 45040, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid within ten (10) days of the entry of the within order.

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


Edward Reading, LCADC
Committee Chair

Sylvia Lippe, MA, LCADC
Vice-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 Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.


Vincent B. Cardarelli