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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIV. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
& FAMILY THERAPY
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Re: Consent Order/Professional Counselor Examiners
Committee/Applicant

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Please be advised that I represent the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (the "Committee"). The Committee has reviewed your application and the documentation you submitted regarding supervision. In the Documentation of Supervised Counseling Experience your supervisor, Amy Ziemann-Swart stated that she supervised 144 hours of your counseling services in a for profit agency while you were not licensed. N.J.S.A. 45:8b-39(a) prohibits an unlicensed individual from engaging in the practice of professional counseling unless the individual is providing the counseling in an exempt setting as set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:8b-48.

The Committee has reviewed the documentation and is now offering you the opportunity to resolve this matter without the issuance of a formal complaint. However, please be advised that this Consent Order is a public order which can be released to the public. Enclosed please find a copy of a Consent Order for your review.

Please be advised that the terms of the Consent Order are proposed for settlement purposes only, and the Committee will not be bound by the terms in the event you do not accept them. If it appears that no agreement will be reached, the offer of settlement



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will be withdrawn; and the Committee will proceed with all other options available to it.

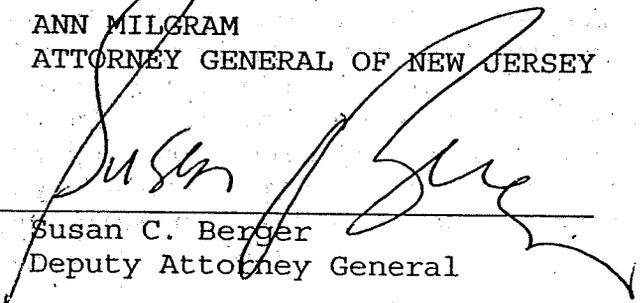
Please review the enclosed Consent Order and if you or any attorney you wish to consult have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. If you are agreeable to the terms of the Consent Order, please sign the Consent Order and immediately return it to me. I will then present the Consent Order to the Committee. It will be signed by the Committee President and filed in the Committee's office. Thereafter, a signed copy will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If I do not hear from you by October 1, 2007 I will assume that you are declining to accept the terms of the Consent Order.

Sincerely yours,

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By: _____


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c: Elaine DeMars, Exec. Dir.

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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

DAWN M. JOHNSON

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ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED
PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Johnson's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Johnson disclosed in her application that she has been working as a counselor in a for-profit setting, at Caring Family Community Services, under the supervision of Ms. Amy Zieman-Swart. Ms. Johnson stated that she completed 144 hours of supervised experience at Caring Family Community Services.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant has engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), as she does not hold any license which would entitle her to provide such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant 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 _____ DAY OF _____, 2007

ORDERED:

1. Ms. Johnson shall immediately cease and desist from offering or engaging in professional counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) unless and until she is licensed by the Committee or otherwise licensed or certified in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling or to engage in professional counseling practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48.

2. None of supervised hours performed by Ms. Johnson in any for-profit setting shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

3. Ms. Johnson shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey

07101. The civil penalty shall be paid simultaneously with the signing of the within order.

4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

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

J. Barry Mascari, LPC
President

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

Dawn M. Johnson