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IN THE MATTER OF _____ Administrative Action
 :
MICHELLE R. BERNARDO :
 : **CONSENT ORDER**
 :
 ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED :
 PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL :
 COUNSELING IN THE STATE :
 OF NEW JERSEY :

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. Bernardo's application for licensure as an Associate Counselor. Ms. Bernardo disclosed in her application that she had been working as a counselor in a for-profit setting, Caring Family Community Services, under the supervision of Michelle Badger, LPC.

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 13TH DAY OF March, 2008

ORDERED:

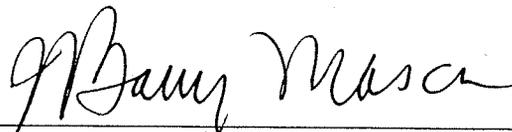
1. Ms. Bernardo shall immediately cease and desist from offering or engaging in professional counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) unless and until she is licensed by the Committee or otherwise licensed or certified in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling or to engage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

2. None of the supervised hours performed by Ms. Bernardo in any for-profit setting shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor, unless and until she is licensed as an Associate Counselor.

3. Ms. Bernardo 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 the Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

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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.



Michelle R. Bernardo

Feb 24, 2008