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 OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
 FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF	:	Administrative Action
THE LICENSE OF	:	
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LAURA M. HARRISON, LCADC	:	CONSENT ORDER
License No. 37LC00126700	:	
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TO PRACTICE CLINICAL 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 allegations that respondent and her husband, Philip H. Harrison, II, LCADC, had engaged in professional misconduct by borrowing \$10,000.00 from a client of respondent, identified as Mrs. M.

Respondent appeared before the Committee, pro se, on August 22, 2008 to discuss the allegations. Ms. Harrison testified that she practices alcohol and drug counseling with her husband, Philip H. Harrison, II, LCADC, at Harrison & Associates, 234 Maple Avenue, Red Bank, New Jersey. Respondent related that she and her husband practice separately in one space; she treats female clients and her

husband treats male clients. Respondent acknowledged that Mrs. M was her client from 1991 to 2006, for alcohol and drug counseling, that her husband never treated Mrs. M and that she did not discuss Mrs. M's treatment with her husband, Philip Harrison. Respondent stated that her husband had formed a friendship with Mrs. M and he had invited and hosted Mrs. M at their home for holiday dinners. Respondent testified that during therapy sessions with respondent, Mrs. M disclosed that she had substantial financial resources.

Respondent acknowledged that the signatures of both herself and her husband were on a promissory note for \$10,000.00 payable to her client, Mrs. M, but respondent claimed that she did not read the document, was unaware that she was signing a promissory note and did not know at that time that Mrs. M had given them a \$10,000.00 loan. Respondent asserted that she was under the impression that Mrs. M had given her husband \$10,000.00 for a foundation that she and her husband were planning to establish. Respondent testified that she does not know how the \$10,000.00 was spent and that on September 7, 2006 when respondent and her husband were sitting with their attorney in the process of filing for bankruptcy, respondent learned for the first time that the \$10,000.00 payment was a loan, not a gift. Respondent denied that she had ever seen letters dated May 5, 2006 or June 9, 2006 addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Harrison seeking repayment of the outstanding promissory note. Respondent related that she continued to treat Mrs. M after learning of the \$10,000.00 transfer of funds and Mrs. M continued to pay for each of her counseling sessions. In early 2006, respondent ceased treatment with Mrs. M. Respondent opined that borrowing money from a client was a "horrible boundary violation" and now realizes that she should have reported the violation to the Committee.

The Committee has reviewed respondent's experience in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, the documents submitted and her testimony before the Committee. The Committee has also considered respondent's acknowledgment of her errors, as well as her remorse relating to the inappropriate and unethical conduct. The Committee finds that the conduct constituted professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), by engaging in a dual relationship, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-1.8(b)(5)vi. The Committee finding that the following disposition of this matter is adequately protective of the public, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 15th DAY OF May, 2009
ORDERED:

1. Respondent's license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey shall be suspended for a period of five (5) years. During a minimum of the first three (3) years of the period of suspension respondent shall not practice as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor, however, respondent may be certified an alcohol and drug counselor and may practice as an employee under the supervision of a supervisor pre-approved by the Committee. The remainder of the period of suspension shall be stayed and served as a period of probation. The period of active suspension shall commence May 29, 2009. During the period of active suspension respondent shall not engage in alcohol and drug counseling in any premise in which she or any of her family members has any financial interest. Credit towards the period of active suspension shall not be granted for any time period during which respondent engages in any other form of mental health counseling in the State of New Jersey or any other jurisdiction or state, whether or not such counseling is provided in an exempt setting.

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2. Respondent shall cease and desist treating any new clients at Harrison & Associates as of May 14, 2009. Respondent shall refer, transfer or terminate the treatment of all of her clients on or before May 29, 2009.

3. Respondent shall cease and desist engaging in supervision of any certified alcohol and drug counselors and/or counselor-interns as of May 14, 2009.

4. The supervisor pre-approved by the Committee must have expertise in boundary issues. The supervisor shall sign a copy of this Consent Order agreeing to the supervisory conditions which shall be submitted to the Committee prior to respondent commencing employment as a certified alcohol and drug counselor. In the event the supervisor ceases supervising respondent, respondent shall cease and desist engaging in alcohol and drug counseling unless and until a new supervisor is approved by the Committee and submits a signed copy of the Consent Order agreeing to the supervisory conditions. Respondent shall immediately (within 24 hours) notify the Committee in writing of any change in supervision.

5. Respondent's supervisor shall agree to report to the Committee in writing within 72 hours of awareness of any indication that respondent is not capable of continued practice or has violated the statutes or regulations governing the practice of alcohol and drug counseling or has been disciplined or terminated from employment. Such notice shall be provided to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee or her designee, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102, facsimile transmission # (973) 504-6582.

6. Respondent shall cause her supervisor to provide quarterly reports to the Committee regarding her practice, that she is being

supervised pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.3 and that respondent is not engaging in any independent practice or the supervision of any practice of alcohol and drug counseling and/or mental health counseling. The supervisor shall meet face-to-face with respondent for a minimum of a one-hour session per week to review respondent's client records. The supervisor shall determine which client records are reviewed and state in the quarterly report the basis for determining the cases that are reviewed. The supervisor's quarterly report shall be submitted directly to the Committee and shall describe the matters reviewed, the number of matters reviewed, the number of hours of supervision and an evaluation of respondent's work; listing any deficiencies and recommended remediation; and addressing respondent's compliance with the supervisor's recommendations.

7. Respondent shall provide all employers immediately upon commencement of employment with a copy of the within Order. Respondent shall be required to provide the Committee with a copy of this Consent Order (or a subsequent Order filed by the Committee) signed by each employer acknowledging that the employer has reviewed this Consent Order within ten (10) days of the commencement of employment.

8. During the entire period of license suspension, including the stayed period which is to be served as a period of probation, respondent shall notify the Committee in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of any change in the status of her employment, including any change in location, responsibilities and/or title, or additional places of employment.

9. Prior to any application for reinstatement of her clinical alcohol and drug counselor license, respondent shall fully attend and

successfully complete a three (3) credit graduate level course pre-approved by the Committee in the subject area of ethics and boundary issues. Respondent shall submit written documentation of her successful completion of the course and that she fully attended the course in person (not a distance learning and/or internet program) and a certified copy of the transcript from the graduate program to the Committee. The three (3) credit graduate course pre-approved by the Committee in the subject area of ethics and boundary issues may be used toward completion of the minimum number of required contact hours of continuing education in an application for renewal.

10. Respondent shall pay civil penalties in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Payment shall be by certified check or money order, payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submitted to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Respondent may seek a payment plan. Providing that respondent complies with the terms of this Consent Order, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) of the civil penalty shall be stayed.

11. After three (3) years of successfully engaging in practice as a certified alcohol and drug counseling, respondent may apply for reinstatement of her license to practice independently as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor. The burden shall be upon respondent to demonstrate that she is fit and competent to re-enter the practice of clinical alcohol and drug counseling and has complied with all the terms of the within order. Upon any such application respondent shall submit:

a. A statement signed and dated by the respondent listing each job respondent engaged in during the time her license was suspended, including the name of the business or entity, address,

name of supervisor, telephone number of supervisor, dates of employment and description of respondent's duties.

b. Documentation that the course required pursuant to paragraph 9 of this order has been fully attended and successfully completed and a certified copy of the official transcript from the graduate program. Documentation of completion of all mandatory continuing education for the entire period of active suspension.

c. Proof of payment of the civil penalty.

d. If so requested by the Committee, respondent shall appear before the Committee where the burden shall be upon the respondent to demonstrate to the Committee's satisfaction that respondent is fit and competent to practice.

12. In the event the Committee finds that respondent has complied with paragraph 11 and is fit and competent to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling following the period of active suspension, respondent's license shall be reinstated and respondent shall practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling on probation for a minimum period of two (2) years. During the period of probation respondent shall not engage in supervision of any certified alcohol and drug counselors or counselor-interns.

13. If respondent's license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling is reinstated as provided in paragraph 12 above, at the end of the period of probation provided herein, respondent may apply for an unrestricted license upon demonstrating that she is fit and competent to practice without any restrictions and has complied with all the terms of this Order or any subsequent Order of the Committee. If so requested by the Committee, respondent shall appear before the Committee where the burden shall be upon respondent to

demonstrate to the Committee's satisfaction that she is fit and competent to practice without any restrictions.

14. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and regulations, as well as professional standards of conduct and obligations of licensed alcohol and drug counselors, and/or certified alcohol and drug counselors, when engaging in each respective practice.

15. During the period of active suspension and probation, any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Committee shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of this Order, respondent's license and/or certification may be automatically suspended by the Committee. Respondent, upon five (5) days notice, may request a hearing to contest the entry of such order. At any such hearing the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding respondent was materially false. In addition, the Committee reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action.

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Sylvia Lippe
Sylvia Lippe, 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 Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

Laure M. Harrison
Laure M. Harrison, MA, LCADC Dated: *17 May* 2009.
Laure Madlyn Harrison

CONSENT AS TO FORM:

Elizabeth Christian
Elizabeth Christian, Esq.
Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla
Attorney for Ms. Harrison

EMPLOYER

I have read the within Order.

TERENCE CROWIN
(Print name and title of signator)
Name of Employer

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License #

Dated: 5/20/09, 20__

Address: 4 Cherrywood Circle, Brick 08724
Telephone # 732-713-4249
(including area code and extension number)

SUPERVISOR

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

Dan A
Print Name of Supervisor
Address:
Telephone Number
License No.

Dated: 5/20, 2009

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