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 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF	:	Administrative Action
THE LICENSE OF	:	
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Mark Chae, Ph.D., LPC	:	
License No. 37PC00312100	:	CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL	:	
COUNSELING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee"), upon review of allegations that respondent as an Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Psychology at Rutgers University, engaged in inappropriate conduct with his students.

Respondent appeared with counsel before the Committee on July 9, 2009. Respondent testified that during January 2009 he was appointed to the faculty of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Health Related Professions as an Associate Professor. His responsibilities include teaching, writing and student advisement. Currently he is not engaged in the independent

or private practice of professional counseling. Respondent testified that during September and October of 2007 while he was an Assistant Professor at Rutgers University, on two separate occasions, he went with several of his graduate students to a bar. On the second occasion after a group of the students and he had several alcoholic drinks he engaged in an inappropriate sexual discussion with the students. After the incident respondent resigned his position at Rutgers University and accepted a faculty position at Seton Hall University. Respondent testified that he resigned from Rutgers University for personal reasons and that his resignation was not a "deal" to avoid administrative action by the university. Respondent asserted that his inappropriate discussion was an isolated incident. Respondent was remorseful and acknowledged that his inappropriate conduct created dual relationships with his students and represented boundary violations.

It appearing that 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 October, 2009
ORDERED:

1. Respondent is reprimanded for engaging in professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) based on the conduct described above.

2. Respondent shall cease and desist engaging in inappropriate conversations and conduct with his students, subordinates and/or clients, in violation N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

3. Respondent shall fully attend and successfully complete a three credit graduate in-person (not a distance learning or internet program) course pre-approved by the Committee in ethics and boundary issues. Respondent shall submit written documentation to the

Committee, on or before June 30, 2010 that he fully attended and successfully completed the course.

4. Respondent shall cease and desist engaging in any professional counseling services, court evaluations and/or volunteer or uncompensated counseling services unless and until the Committee issues an Order permitting him to provide counseling services.

5. Respondent shall be prohibited from supervising any professional counseling and/or mental health counseling unless and until the Committee issues an Order permitting him to provide supervision for professional counseling and/or mental health counseling.

6. Respondent shall pay investigative costs in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) contemporaneously with the signing of this Order. Payment shall be by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submitted to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

7. Respondent shall pay civil penalties in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Payment shall be by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submitted to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Providing that respondent complies with all of the terms of the Consent Order, the civil penalty shall be stayed and shall be deemed satisfied upon documentation of two (2) years of compliance with the Consent Order.

8. Two years after the filing of the within Consent Order, respondent may apply for permission to engage in the practice of professional counseling supervision. In that event, respondent shall appear before the Committee, if so requested by the Committee, at which time the burden shall be on respondent to demonstrate that he has complied with all of the terms of the within Consent Order, has completed all continuing education requirements, has not engaged in the practice of professional counseling and is fit and competent to engage in the practice of professional counseling.

9. Any deviation from the terms of this Consent Order, without prior written consent of the Committee, shall be grounds for disciplinary action as the Committee may determine and may constitute grounds to suspend or revoke respondent's license.

10. 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.

11. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and regulations, as well as professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law on licensed professional counselors.

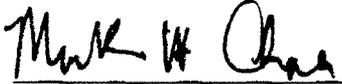
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By:


Barbara Maurer, LPC
Vice-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.



Mark Chae, Ph.D., LPC

Consent as to form:



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