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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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 THE :
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF :
THE CERTIFICATION OF :
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TRUDI JOHNSON, CADC :
Certification No. 37CA00028200 :
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TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG :
COUNSELING IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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Administrative Action

PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners ("the Committee") upon receipt of information which the Committee has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor in the State of New Jersey, and has been certified at all times relevant hereto. (Exhibit A, Certification

of Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, attached and made a part hereto).

2. On or about September 21, 2010, the Executive Director of the Committee, mailed a letter to respondent's address of record by regular mail summoning respondent to testify before the Committee on October 22, 2010 regarding respondent's July 21, 2010 arrest for forgery, N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1. (Exhibit A, and Exhibit B, September 21, 2010 letter, attached and made a part hereto).

3. The regular mailing was not returned. (Exhibit A).

4. Respondent submitted undated documents unresponsive to the September 21, 2010 letter. (Exhibit C, copies of documents submitted, attached and made a part hereto).

5. On October 14, 2010, the Deputy Attorney General who counsels the Committee sent a letter to respondent in response to the submitted documents. In the letter, the Deputy Attorney General again advised respondent that she was required to appear before the Committee on October 22, 2010. The letter was sent by regular mail and was not returned. (Exhibit D, Certification of Deputy Attorney General Susan Berger, attached and made a part hereto and Exhibit E, October 14, 2010 letter, attached and made a part hereto).

6. Respondent failed to attend the scheduled proceeding as directed and failed to submit any evidence showing good cause for her failure to appear. (Exhibit F, Transcript of October 22, 2010 Investigative Hearing attached and made a part hereto and Exhibit A).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to appear before the Committee constitutes a failure

to cooperate within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, which constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this day of , 2010,

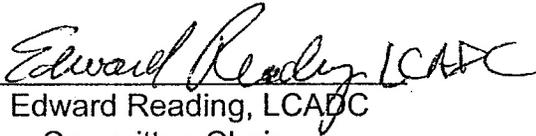
ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Counselor Certification is hereby provisionally suspended until she appears before the Committee and cooperates in the Board's investigation.
2. A \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby provisionally imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).
3. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Committee at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:
 - a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, P.O. Box 45040, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
 - b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed or arguments in mitigation.
 - c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.
4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Committee, and the Committee will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through the submission by respondent during the thirty-day period, or if the Committee is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further

consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

5. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Committee shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions herein.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COMMITTEE OF THE NEW
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By: Edward Reading, LCADC
Committee Chair