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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 : Administrative Action
THE LICENSE OF :
: :
SUSAN NOBLEMAN, LCADC :
License No. 37LC00106200 : CONSENT ORDER
: :
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 supervised the alcohol and drug counseling of her husband, Charles R. Berman, LPC. Respondent submitted a sworn statement admitting that she supervised her husband, Charles R. Berman, LPC, who is a credentialed intern at Willow Tree Center in Morris Plains, New Jersey from February 1995 until July 2010.

The Committee has reviewed respondent's experience in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, the documents submitted and respondent's acknowledgment of her conduct outlined above, as well

as her remorse relating to the inappropriate supervision of her husband. The Committee finds that the conduct constituted professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), by engaging in an inappropriate supervision relationship, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2A(h). 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 24TH DAY OF February, 2011
ORDERED:

1. Respondent is reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) for engaging in an inappropriate supervisory relationship, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2A(h).

2. Respondent shall submit written documentation to the Committee, on or before January 1, 2012 that she successfully and fully completed in person (not a distance learning and/or internet program) the six hour mandatory course in legal standards related to the practice of alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey, N.J.A.C. 13:34-5.2(d). The documentation must establish that respondent completed the course subsequent to the filing of the within Consent Order and prior to January 1, 2012. This six hours of continuing education may be used to complete the minimum number of required contact hours of continuing education for renewal.

3. Respondent shall pay civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). 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.

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Respondent may seek a payment plan. Payment shall be submitted contemporaneously with the signing of the within Consent 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.

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Edward Reading LCADC
Edward Reading, 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.

Susan A. Nobleman
Susan Nobleman, LCADC

Dated: 2/23/11, 2011.

Consent as to form:

John J. Flynn
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Attorney for Ms. Nobleman