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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE :
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF :
THE LICENSE OF :
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KAREN MADURA, LCADC :
License No. 3700113200 :
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TO PRACTICE CLINICAL ALCOHOL :
AND DRUG COUNSELING IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

Administrative Action
CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee (the "Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners upon receipt of information that respondent had been arrested for shoplifting and plead guilty to disorderly conduct on February 17, 2011.

Respondent appeared pro se before the Committee on April 29, 2011 and testified that she was arrested in Wayne, New Jersey on January 4, 2011. She testified that she paid for several items in her cart but neglected to pay for approximately

\$290.00 of facial creams which she had placed in her handbag. Respondent was charged with shoplifting. Respondent testified that her "out of character" behavior was due to a prescription medication, Percocet, that she was taking after having sustained injuries during an automobile accident. Respondent also testified that she was undergoing personal problems. The Committee did not find her explanation of the events credible.

The Committee finds the terms of this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest and respondent, desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings; and good cause appearing,

IT IS, THEREFORE, on this 1st day of August, 2011,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is reprimanded for misrepresenting the reason for her misconduct and for having engaged in an offense relating adversely to the profession of alcohol and drug counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and (f).

2. Respondent shall fully attend and successfully complete a minimum of a twelve (12) hour course in ethics and a twelve (12) hour course in psychopharmacology. Both courses shall be pre-approved by the Committee and completed within six (6) months of the signing of this Consent Order. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments satisfactorily completed and achievement of a passing grade which is unconditional and without reservation. Respondent shall submit written proof to the Committee of successful completion within three weeks of completing each course.

3. Respondent shall remain in psychotherapy with a licensed health care

professional, who holds a minimum of a Masters Degree and has specific training in ethics, at a frequency to be determined by the therapist, but not less than once per week during the first six months following the filing of the within Consent Order. Respondent shall continue therapy for a minimum of one year and then until such time as the therapist determines therapy is no longer required. In the event the therapist determines that therapy is no longer required, the therapist shall submit a report to the Committee stating the basis for ending therapy and recommendations, if necessary, for aftercare. Respondent shall submit the name and credentials of the therapist to the Committee contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order. Unilateral cessation of treatment by respondent shall constitute a violation of this Order. In the event respondent ceases treatment with her therapist, respondent shall notify the Committee in writing within five (5) days of cessation of treatment with the reasons therefor and submit the name and credentials of an alternative therapist. Respondent shall provide each therapist with a copy of this Consent Order and the therapist shall submit a signed copy of this Consent Order directly to the Committee. The therapist shall provide detailed quarterly reports directly to the Committee expounding upon respondent's attendance and progress in therapy. The therapist's initial report shall include a diagnosis and treatment plan for respondent. The therapist shall submit a minimum of four reports to the Committee.

4. Respondent shall ensure that the Committee receives quarterly reports from the therapist, the first report shall be due on or before August 15, 2011. The therapist shall review the terms of the within Consent Order with respondent, and the first report shall indicate that the therapist reviewed the Consent Order with respondent.

5. Respondent shall provide the Committee with a written list of all locations at which she is working as an alcohol and drug counselor and/or mental health counselor, including self employment, and a description of her position, no later than seven (7) days after the filing of the within Consent Order. The list shall include the name of the employer or facility, address of employment, telephone number and name of her direct supervisor. Respondent shall have an ongoing duty to immediately (within 7 days of occurrence) inform the Committee in writing of any changes in her employment, title and/or responsibilities and provide the information required pursuant to this paragraph for each position of employment, including self employment. Failure to timely provide the Committee with updated information regarding employment may be deemed a violation of this Order.

6. Respondent shall provide all employers (including any present 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 seven (7) days of commencement of employment.

7. The employer shall agree to report to the Committee in writing within 72 hours if she has been disciplined or terminated from employment. The employer shall also submit a written report to the Committee explaining the basis for discipline or termination and a copy of respondent's complete personnel file, including all applications for employment. Such notice shall be provided to the Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey

07102, facsimile transmission # (973) 504-6582.

8. Respondent shall provide the Committee with a list of all clients that she treated in private practice between January 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010, including the diagnosis and disposition of each client. The list shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of the filing of the within Order.

9. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order. Payment shall be by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submitted to the Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

10. If respondent requests a payment plan, she shall pay the civil penalty in four payments of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Each payment shall be by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submitted to the Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The first payment shall be made contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order. The second payment shall be submitted on or before October 1, 2011, the third payment shall be submitted on or before January 1, 2012 and final payment shall be submitted on or before May 1, 2012.

11. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt, imposition of interest, and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

12. 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.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPY EXAMINERS

By Edward Reading LCADC
Edward Reading
Committee Chair, LCADC

I have read and I understand the terms of
this Order and agree to be bound by it. I
consent to the entry of this Consent Order.

Karen Madura
Karen Madura, LCADC

Consent as to ~~form and~~ entry:

JoAnn Pietro
JoAnn Pietro, R.N., Esq.
Wahrenberger & Pietro, LLP
Attorney for Michele Iannucci

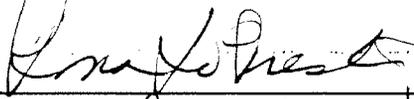
Employer

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

(Print name and title of signator)
Name of employer:
Address:
Telephone #:
(including area code and extension number)

Therapist

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



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