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| IN THE MATTER OF THE | : | |
| APPLICATION OF | : | Administrative Action |
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| PAUL R. LAVELLA, Jr., M.A. | : | |
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| TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL | : | CONSENT ORDER |
| COUNSELOR IN THE STATE | : | |
| NEW JERSEY | : | |

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Mr. Paul Lavella's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Mr. Lavella disclosed in his application that he had worked as a counselor in a for-profit setting at Treatment Dynamics, Inc. in Florham Park, New Jersey under the supervision of Nelson L.

Hadler, MSW, LCSW, LCADC, from October 2005 through March 2011. Respondent was not licensed as an Associate Counselor until November 2009.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), by engaging in the practice of associate or professional counseling prior to issuance of any license entitling him to provide such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant 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 1st **DAY OF** August, 2011
ORDERED:

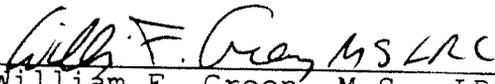
1. None of the supervised hours performed by respondent in any for-profit setting, prior to licensure as an associate counselor in November 2009, shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a ~~Professional Counselor.~~

2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director,

Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid contemporaneously with the signing of the Consent Order.

3. 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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THERAPY EXAMINERS



William F. Green, M.S., LRC
Chair

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.



Paul R. Lavella, Jr.