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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

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

LORI PELLINO, CADC
a/k/a LORETTA PELLINO
Certification No. 37CA00056400

TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG
COUNSELING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER
OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
OF CERTIFICATION

This matter was initially 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 on July 18, 2011 respondent plead guilty to N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A, theft by unlawful taking or disposition of currency belonging to the Ridgefield Youth Commission and was sentenced to one year probation and

required to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,256.03.

Respondent submitted a letter to the Committee, dated July 27, 2011 admitting that she pled guilty to the charges but stated that she had no choice because she did not want to go to trial and risk a mandatory five year jail sentence.

Respondent agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Order and the Committee finding 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 28th day of October, 2011,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall immediately surrender her certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey to be deemed a suspension of her certification and shall immediately cease and desist from advertising, offering to engage in or engaging in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling until further order of the Committee. Respondent shall deliver her 2010-2012 biennial renewal certification (expiration date August 31, 2012), including her original wall certificate, certification and wallet size credential forthwith to Ms. Elaine DeMars, Executive Director of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, P.O. Box 45040, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101 within five (5) days of the filing of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent shall not engage in any volunteer or uncompensated alcohol or drug counseling or internship or any other mental health counseling or life coaching unless and until she is duly authorized by the Committee or another appropriate licensing Board to do so.

3. Respondent shall not seek reinstatement of certification for a minimum of one (1) year from the filing of the within Consent Order.

4. In the event respondent seeks reinstatement, she shall provide the following documentation to the Committee demonstrating that she is sufficiently fit and competent to re-enter the practice of alcohol and drug counseling:

a. Proof of successful completion of probation and full payment of restitution.

b. A statement signed and dated by the respondent representing whether or not there have been any "criminal actions" taken against her in New Jersey or any other jurisdiction since the surrender of her certification. "Criminal actions" includes arrests, convictions for criminal offenses and/or motor vehicle offenses regardless of whether the charges/summons were dismissed, she was found not guilty, plead guilty or entered a plea bargain. The signed statement must include the following language above her signature:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true.
I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are wilfully false, I am subject to punishment.

c. A letter outlining the type of employment, occupation or other activity respondent engaged in subsequent to the filing of this Order.

5. In the event respondent seeks reinstatement of certification and provides documentation demonstrating that she has complied with the terms of probation, this Consent Order and is fit and competent and sufficiently able to re-enter the practice of alcohol and drug counseling, respondent shall appear before the Committee, if so requested by the Committee. During the appearance before the Committee, the burden

shall be on respondent to demonstrate that she is in compliance with probation, the Consent Order and is fit, competent and able to practice alcohol and drug counseling.

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.

Lori Pellino
Lori Pellino, CADC