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

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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
Docket No.

: IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE : Administrative Action
OF :
: **NOTICE OF HEARING**
: **AND**
MICHAEL A. DeMASSI, LCADC, LSW :
LICENSE NO. 37LC00144700 : **NOTICE TO FILE ANSWER**
:
TO PRACTICE CLINICAL ALCOHOL :
AND DRUG COUNSELING IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
_____ :

TO: Michael A. DeMassi, LCADC, LSW
c/o Stephen H. Schechner, Esq.
155 Morris Avenue, Suite 203
Springfield, New Jersey 07081

SIR:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Complaint, copy annexed hereto, has been made to the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (the "Committee") to consider the matter of the suspension or revocation of your license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling pursuant to the

authority conferred upon the Committee by N.J.S.A. 45:2D-1 et seq., 45:1-14 et seq. and related administrative regulations. The Committee requires you to file an Answer to the above charges within thirty-five (35) days from service of the Complaint. You may file an Answer by mail to the address below.

Your answer should admit or deny each allegation in the Complaint. If you deny only a part of an allegation you shall specify as much of it as is true and shall deny only the remainder. If you are without knowledge or information sufficient to answer an allegation you shall so state. If you wish to present any affirmative defenses to the charges, your answer should set forth that statement of facts separately.

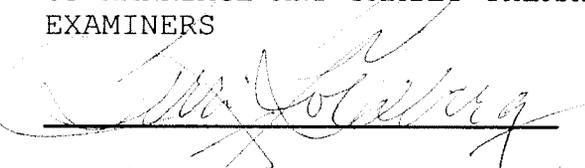
If you admit that the allegations of the Complaint are correct, or you state that you do not contest the charges or that your violation of the cited laws or rules or accepted standards of practice was unintentional, then no contested hearing in this proceeding will be necessary. Your case will then be presented to the Committee for a final determination. You will be notified, and you will have the opportunity to appear at a brief hearing to offer written material or to make an oral presentation in mitigation of the penalty or sanction which would otherwise be imposed. The Committee will then determine whether your license to practice should be suspended or revoked or a lesser sanction imposed. The Committee will also consider whether investigative costs and/or monetary penalties and attorney fees should be assessed and, if so,

the appropriate amount thereof pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Committee by N.J.S.A. 45:1-14 et seq.

A denial of the charges in the Complaint will result in a formal hearing being conducted at a date, time and place to be determined by the Committee or its designee which, upon notice to you, will hear the Complaint. Adjournments will not be granted except upon timely written application to the Committee for good cause shown; any expenses incurred by the Committee as a result thereof may be taxed to you. You may appear at the hearing either in person or by attorney or both and you shall be afforded an opportunity to make defense to any or all of the charges.

Failure to respond to this Notice of Hearing and Notice to File an Answer or failure to appear as set forth herein may result in the matter being considered in your absence. A decision rendered by the Committee may affect your privilege to practice your licensed profession in this State.

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

By: 

Terri Goldberg,
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dated: March 23, 2012

KINDLY ADDRESS AN ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee
P.O. Box 45007
Newark, New Jersey 07101

WITH A COPY TO:

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