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**New Jersey State Board of
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	Administrative Action
LICENSURE OF	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
MAURICE J. E. STOCKLEY	:	GRANTING LICENSURE
	:	WITH PROBATION
	:	
AS A MASSAGE AND BODYWORK	:	
THERAPIST	:	

This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of the application of Maurice J.E. Stockley for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist. Upon a review of the application and the criminal history background check, it was ascertained by the Board that the applicant had an extensive history of arrests and convictions on drug-related offenses, and the applicant acknowledged that he sold drugs to obtain money after the birth of his first child,

because, although he had worked odd jobs, "nothing seemed to be paying off." After 2003, when he returned from Clinton House, a halfway house in Trenton, his outlook had changed, and he tried to "work like everyone else" and earn money lawfully. He indicated that he did well until late 2008 when he was laid off, and he then reverted to "poor decision-making." The applicant was convicted of manufacture/distribution of a controlled dangerous substance on August 4, 1995, and sentenced to 364 days confinement, and two years probation; he was convicted on November 17, 1995 of the same offense, and sentenced to three years confinement; on June 26, 1997 he was convicted of the same offense, and sentenced to four years confinement, with fifteen months parole ineligibility; on February 25, 2000 he was convicted of possession and distribution of a controlled dangerous substance within 500 feet of public property, and sentenced to seven years confinement, with three years and six months parole ineligibility; and on January 30, 2009 he was convicted of manufacture and distribution of a controlled dangerous substance and possession; distribution of a controlled dangerous substance within 500 feet of public property, and sentenced to three years confinement, with eighteen months parole ineligibility.

The applicant appeared before a committee of the Board on May 22, 2013 and testified under oath as to his sincere desire

to support his family through lawful employment, and to his belief that entry into the field of massage and bodywork therapy will enable him to make a positive contribution. The Board noted the applicant's enthusiasm for massage and bodywork therapy, and his pride in the mastery of the professional skills related to this field. The Board cannot ignore the applicant's lengthy criminal history, replete with convictions for crimes relating adversely to massage and bodywork therapy within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). Nevertheless, the Board is convinced that the applicant's remorse for his prior conduct is genuine, as is his resolve to earn a living lawfully.

The Board finding that under the circumstances granting licensure with a two year period of probation is appropriate, and that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 26th DAY OF June , 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Mr. Stockley's application for licensure shall be granted upon his demonstration that he has satisfied other licensure requirements, if he has not already done so. Mr. Stockley shall be placed on probation for a period of two years, dating from the filing of this Order. The conditions of probation are set forth below.

3. Mr. Stockley shall report to the Board within five (5) business days any arrest, indictment or conviction for any crime or disorderly persons offense.

4. If Mr. Stockley is arrested for any drug-related offense, he shall surrender his license until the matter is adjudicated, upon receipt of a written request to do so by the Board, and shall sign any consent order to that effect that is included with that written request.

5. Mr. Stockley shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy in the State or jurisdiction in which he practices massage and bodywork therapy.

6. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board, or any arrest for any drug-related offense, shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that the applicant has violated any term of this Order, Mr. Stockley's license may be automatically suspended by the Board. Mr. Stockley, upon notice, may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an order. At any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding Mr. Stockley was materially false.

7. At the end of the term of probation, Mr. Stockley may petition the Board in writing for release from the terms of this Order. In the event that there have been no arrests or convictions during the period of probation, the Board may then grant such a petition by means of a written communication, without need for further Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Deborah Overholt
Deborah Overholt
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Maurice J.E. Stockley Sr.
Maurice J.E. Stockley

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SIGN