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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS  
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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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REINSTATEMENT OF :  
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: CONSENT ORDER  
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TRUDI JOHNSON CADC :  
Certification No. 37CA00028200 :  
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TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG :  
COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened before Alcohol and Drug Counselor  
Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and  
Family Therapy Examiners ("the Committee") upon receipt of an  
application by Trudi Johnson ("Respondent") to reinstate her  
license to practice alcohol and drug counseling.

On February 10, 2011, a Final Order of Discipline was entered against Respondent, which suspended her certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling until she appeared before the Committee and cooperated with its investigation, and imposed upon Respondent a civil penalty of \$250.00. The Order was based upon Respondent's professional misconduct in failing to appear before the Committee as directed on October 22, 2010. Respondent subsequently appeared before the Committee on May 20, 2011, and testified that she suffers from a medical condition and was unable to practice alcohol and drug counseling at that time. On September 7, 2011, a Consent Order was entered in which Respondent agreed to a voluntary suspension of her certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling for a minimum of one year. The civil penalty assessed against Respondent in the Final Order of February 2011 was rescinded.

On February 22, 2013, Respondent appeared pro se before the Committee to discuss her request to reinstate her certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling. Respondent testified that she engages in psychotherapy twice monthly with therapist Suzanne Farkas, LSW and meets once monthly with her physician Ami Lim, M.D. for medical management of her condition. Respondent further testified that she plans to continue with psychotherapy and

medical management of her condition at the same frequency for the rest of her life. Respondent currently has a support system consisting of her sponsor, her therapist, her home group, and her family. Respondent testified that she is currently unemployed, but looking for a job as an intake counselor. Respondent has not taken continuing education since her CADC was suspended in 2010.

The Board having considered the aforesaid information, and the parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity for further formal proceedings; and the Board finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare and that good cause exists for its entry:

IT IS ON THIS 10 DAY OF July 2013, ORDERED:

1. Respondent's certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey is reinstated as of the date of this Order, conditioned upon compliance with the terms of this Consent Order and all requirements for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor.
2. Respondent shall remain in psychotherapy with a therapist pre-approved by the Board at a frequency to be determined by the therapist, but not less than two times per month, and continue medical management of her condition with a

physician pre-approved by the Board at a frequency to be determined by the physician, but not less than once per month. Unilateral cessation of psychotherapy or medical management by respondent shall constitute a violation of this Order. In the event respondent ceases therapy with her approved psychotherapist or physician, respondent shall notify the Committee in writing within three (3) days, and shall submit the credentials of an alternate psychotherapist or physician to the Committee for approval within ten (10) days thereafter. Respondent shall provide all psychotherapists and physicians with a copy of the within Order, and Respondent shall ensure that they sign a copy of this Order prior to commencing employment as a certified alcohol and drug counselor.

3. Respondent shall be responsible to ensure that quarterly reports from respondent's psychotherapist and physician are submitted to the Committee on respondent's progress. Respondent's psychotherapist and physician shall provide immediate written notification to the Committee of any relapse behavior by respondent or indication that she is unfit to practice alcohol and drug counseling, any non-compliance with terms of this Order, and in the event respondent misses two consecutive appointments with either her psychotherapist or physician without approval.

Quarterly reports from Respondent's current psychotherapist shall be signed by her supervising LCSW.

4. Respondent shall notify the Committee of each of her working affiliations and/or places of employment, including the location, place and name of her employer as well as respondent's responsibilities and title. Respondent shall provide her supervisor at each place of employment with a copy of the within Order, and ensure that her supervisor signs a copy of the Order prior to respondent commencing employment.

5. Respondent shall complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education prior to commencing employment as an alcohol and drug counselor, and respondent may apply those credits to her 2014 renewal.

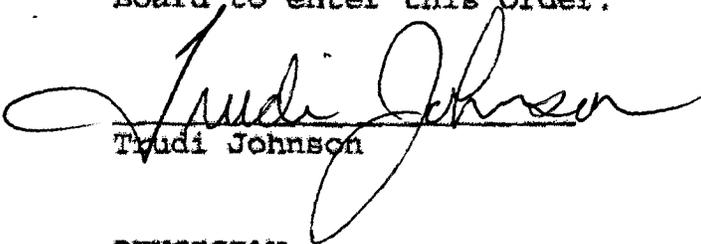
6. Any deviation by respondent from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Committee shall constitute a failure to comply with this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of this Order, respondent's license may be automatically suspended by the committee. Respondent, upon five days notice, may request a hearing to contest the entry of such order. At any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding respondent was materially false.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Edward Reading, LCADC  
Chair

I have read and understood  
the above Consent Order and  
I agree to abide by its terms.  
I understand that this Consent  
Order has serious legal  
consequences and have decided to  
enter into this agreement with  
the Board without counsel.  
Consent is hereby given to the  
Board to enter this Order.

  
Trudi Johnson

Trudi Johnson

Dated: 6/17/13

**PHYSICIAN**

I have read the within Order,  
and agree to the requirements  
as to reporting and notification.

  
Ami Lim, M.D.

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Dated: 6/17/13

**THERAPIST**

I have read the within Order,  
and agree to the requirements  
as to reporting and notification.

Suzanne Farkas, LSW

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License No.: 44SL05758000

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Dated: 6/14/13

**THERAPIST'S SUPERVISOR**

I have read the within Order,  
and agree to the requirements  
as to reporting and notification.

Quane Traverso, LCSW

LCSW

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**SUPERVISOR**

I have read the within Order.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Print name of Supervisor

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