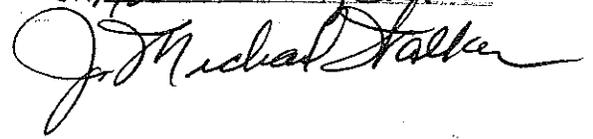


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

KATHARINE BENNETT, Psy.D.
License No. **35SI00397900**

Administrative Action

ORDER OF SUMMARY
SUSPENSION

TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY IN
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information revealing the following:

1. Respondent, Katherine Bennett, Psy.D., is the holder of License No. 35SI00397900 and was licensed to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey on February 4, 2002 and, thereafter, permitted that license to lapse on June 30, 2011.

2. The State Board of Psychological Examiners has received information that alleged that the Dr. Bennett (referred to hereafter as "the Respondent") engaged in boundary violations which constitute professional misconduct.

3. Respondent's failure to submit her biennial renewal in New Jersey in 2011 resulting in a lapsed license status provides grounds to automatically suspend Respondent's license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings:

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 14th day of November 2013,
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing.

2. Respondent agrees that she cannot engage in the practice of psychology in a private practice or exempt setting until her license has been reinstated.

3. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey license at any time in the future, then this Order shall require Respondent to appear before a Committee of the New Jersey

State Board of Psychological Examiners to establish that she is fit to practice psychology in New Jersey.

4. Respondent agrees that upon reinstatement of her license to practice psychology she will practice for at least a minimum of one year under supervision by a Board approved licensed NJ psychologist. The supervisor shall be approved by the Board prior to being engaged by Respondent and shall be a licensed psychologist in New Jersey. Respondent shall submit the names of three potential supervisors for approval by the Board. The approved supervisor shall report in writing to the Board on a quarterly basis regarding Respondent's progress. The supervisor's report shall provide an informative evaluation of Respondent's treatment of patients and of her professional practice. The supervisor shall pay particular attention to Respondent's dealing with boundary issues and social and sexual relationships as well as Respondent's overall practice. The cost of supervision is the sole responsibility of Respondent. The supervisor shall agree to immediately notify the Board of any actions by Respondent which fail to meet the acceptable standards of professional practice.

4. Prior to making application for reinstatement Respondent shall participate in psychotherapy treatment for a minimum of one year. The therapist shall submit to the Board a report providing the dates of attendance in therapy and an informative evaluation of Respondent's participation and progress in the therapy process. The

approved therapist shall include information regarding Respondent's progress concerning transference, counter transference and boundary issues encountered in her previous practice.

Additionally, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey upon reinstatement of her license.

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