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Re: Offer of Settlement In Lieu of Filing a Formal Disciplinary Complaint

Dear Dr. Farnese:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners (the "Board") has had an opportunity to review information concerning your application for reinstatement of license to practice psychology in the state of New Jersey that was received on September 16, 2013. Specifically, the information reviewed included the reinstatement application that indicated that the last renewal was due June 30, 2013 or thirty (30) days from this date and an affidavit advising the Board that during the lapsed licensure period you continued to practice psychology from July 1, 2013 through September 4, 2013 on a full time basis at a private practice located at 50 Princeton Hightstown Road in Princeton Junction, New Jersey. The affidavit further indicated that you treated approximately 15 clients per week and you stopped all treatment as of September 4, 2013 when you were made aware that your license to practice psychology was suspended by operation of law by your failure to timely renew the license. The statement included with the affidavit demonstrated that you had experienced numerous personal and medical issues both prior to and after the renewal period and that you had requested that the Board waive the renewal fee that you were required to pay to reinstate your license. The fee is required by statute and cannot be waived by the Board. However the Board is staying the civil penalty that is imposed in this settlement letter based on the mitigation information presented.

Upon review of all available information, the Board has reinstated your license as of October 1, 2013 and has preliminarily found that probable cause exists to support a finding that you violated N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b) and (c) in that you failed to renew your license within thirty days of the June 30, 2013 renewal period resulting in a suspended license. You thereafter continued to practice with a suspended license from August 1, 2013 to September 4, 2013 until such time as your license to practice psychology was reinstated.

At this juncture, the Board has preliminarily concluded that the above violations are sufficient to warrant the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings against you. Notwithstanding that decision, however, the Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter, and thereby avoid the initiation of disciplinary proceedings, should you consent to:

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1. Cease and desist in the future from engaging in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b) and (c) by continuing to practice psychology without timely renewal of the license.

2. Impose a penalty in the amount of \$100.00 which represents a penalty for continuing to engage in the practice of psychology with a suspended license from August 1, 2013 - September 4, 2013. The payment is stayed in full based on the mitigating circumstances presented to the Board with the reinstatement application.

If you are willing to settle this matter on the offered settlement terms, you may do so by signing the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to the Board office. Upon your signature, this letter will be a matter of public record.

In the event you are unwilling to settle this matter on the offered terms, it will be referred to the Attorney General's office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement action. In such event, you will be afforded an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted the Board will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed, the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement should any charges against you be sustained. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order, requiring you to reimburse certain monies and/or requiring you to pay costs incurred by the Board. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer herein, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Carmen A. Rodriguez who may be reached at (973) 648-3696.

If you elect to settle this matter presently, you should sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement proceedings.

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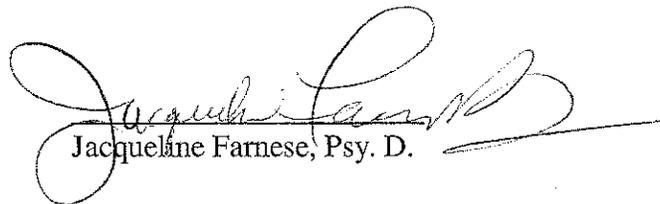
By: 
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, Jacqueline Farnese, Psy. D., hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in the above letter. I acknowledge the conduct which has been charged. I am aware that, by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges of wrongdoing at an administrative hearing. I am also aware that the action taken against me by the Board herein is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I understand that the penalty imposed in the amount of \$100. is stayed in full and does not have to be paid based on the mitigating circumstances presented.


Jacqueline Farnese, Psy. D.

Dated: 11/21/13

cc: Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General