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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
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SCOTT TORQUATO, MSW, LCSW	:	Administrative Action
License No. 44SC04542800	:	
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TO PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK	:	ORDER OF SUMMARY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information revealing the following:

1. Respondent, Scott Torquato, was initially licensed to practice clinical social work in the State of New Jersey on September 22, 1995.

2. Respondent did not renew his license to practice clinical social work prior to its expiration on August 31, 2006. Although Board records reflect that respondent filed an application for

reinstatement in October 2006, that application was not completed and respondent's license continues in lapsed status.

3. The Board later received information suggesting that respondent continued to practice clinical social work, and had held himself out to be a licensed clinical social worker in court filings in New Jersey.

4. Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal in New Jersey in 2006 resulting in a lapsed license status provides grounds to automatically suspend Respondent's license to practice social work in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 12th day of February, 2014,
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice social work 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. Any practice of social work during the period in which he does not hold an active license shall be deemed the unlicensed practice of social work and shall subject respondent to disciplinary action by the Board and referral for any other action permitted by law.

2. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of his 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 Social Work Examiners to establish that he is fit to

practice clinical social work in New Jersey. Additionally, the Board reserves the right to deny reinstatement, or, in the event reinstatement is granted, take disciplinary action and place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's license to practice clinical social work in the State of New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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