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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS, ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF: **RACHEL PERREAULT, LCSW** **License No. 44SC05527700** LICENSED TO PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY and APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE AS A CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **INTERIM CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSE AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AS CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR**

The New Jersey Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") and the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee ("Committee"), received information that Rachel Perreault ("Ms. Perreault" or "respondent") had been engaged in the unlawful use of controlled dangerous substances such that she is currently unable to perform the functions of a licensed clinical social worker and/or an alcohol and drug counselor.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Ms. Perreault is incapable for medical or other good cause of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety, and welfare, and is engaged in drug or alcohol use that impairs the ability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety, providing a basis for discipline against her license and grounds to deny a license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i) and (l).

It appearing that respondent wishes to voluntarily enter into this agreement without prejudice to respondent's ability to defend the allegations against her; and the Board and Committee, finding the terms of this consent order adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 14th **day of** May **2014,**

ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Rachel Perreault shall immediately surrender her license to practice as a clinical social worker in the State of New Jersey pending further order of the Board of Social Work Examiners.

2. Ms. Perreault shall immediately withdraw her application for licensure as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor.

3. Respondent may not seek reinstatement of her license as a clinical social worker or re-submit her application for licensure as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor until she can demonstrate a minimum of six months of sobriety, in the form of negative urine screens, proof of attendance at NA/AA, and reports from treating professionals.

4. Respondent shall cease and desist from advertising, offering to engage in or engaging in the practice of clinical social work, social work, alcohol and drug counseling, mental health therapy and/or counseling, or the provision of social work services as defined in N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-3 in any setting, including exempt settings as defined by N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5, and alcohol and drug counseling services as defined by N.J.S.A. 45:2D-3. This bar to providing mental health services includes but is not limited to uncompensated or volunteer practice, life coaching, internet counseling and/or exempt settings. Respondent also agrees not to engage in practice as nor apply for licensure as a mental health professional in any other state or jurisdiction until further Order of the Board and the Committee.

5. Respondent shall surrender her original wall certificate, wallet certificate, and the most recent renewal card of her license to the Executive Director of the Board of Social Work Examiners by mailing them to J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Social Work Examiners, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with her signing of this Order.

6. This Order shall not preclude the Board of Social Work Examiners or the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, from initiating disciplinary action based upon respondent's conduct. The entry of this Consent Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the practices of social work, alcohol and drug counseling, or any mental health profession in this state or any other violations of the law, by the Board, the Committee, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including but not limited to any matters under pending investigation.

7. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the respondent.

8. Any practice in this State in violation of the above conditions shall constitute unlicensed practice and/or grounds for discipline for violation of an Order of the Board and of the Committee as well as professional misconduct.

9. In addition to the requirement in paragraph 3 above, prior to any application for reinstatement of her license to practice clinical social work, or resubmission of her application for licensure as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor, respondent shall:

a. Provide the Board and/or Committee with evidence that she is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that she is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of any addictive substance which could affect her practice. Evidence will include a thorough independent evaluation from an addictions professional pre-approved by the Board and/or Committee who has not previously treated respondent, that she is not suffering

from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of any addictive substance which could affect her practice of clinical social work or alcohol and drug counseling. The evaluation should include references to any treatment obtained or recommended, as well as any limitations or conditions suggested for respondent's practice if the Board were to reinstate her license or if a license were granted by the Committee. All costs for the evaluation shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, the respondent.

b. Provide the Board and/or Committee with discharge summaries from any in-patient programs and reports from each and every mental health professional (including but not limited to: psychologists, counselors, therapists, psychiatrists) who have participated in Respondent's care and/or treatment during the period of time from the date this Order is filed to her application for reinstatement.

c. Provide the Board and/or Committee with a full account of her conduct from the time of her license surrender until the time of her application for reinstatement.

d. If requested, appear before the Board, or a committee thereof, and/or the Committee to discuss her application for reinstatement, the conduct that led to her license surrender and withdrawal of her application and her plans to re-enter the practice of clinical social work and/or enter the practice of alcohol and drug counseling.

8. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning reports and disclosures to the Board and/or Committee, and use by the Board and/or Committee of that information in any license proceedings, including reports and disclosures by any addictions or other mental health professional, or any other person or entity involved in any rehabilitation program.

9. In the event the Board grants reinstatement of respondent's license to practice clinical social work, or the Committee grants licensure as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor, the Board and/or the Committee, in their discretion, may impose any

conditions or restrictions on licensure deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By:_____
Dawn Apgar, Ph.D., LSW, ACSW
Board President

BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS, ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

By:_____
Edward Reading, LCADC
Committee Chair

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order. I understand that this Order has serious professional and legal import, and I have decided to enter into this agreement without legal counsel.

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Rachel Perreault, LCSW and
Applicant for License as an LCADC