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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 SUSPENSION : Administrative Action  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :  
: CONSENT ORDER

SANTA GREGORY, Ph.D  
LICENSE No. 35S100308400

TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened by the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") following the Board's review of information from C.M. that the conduct of Santa Gregory, Ph.D. ("the Respondent") in the course of providing supervised visitation to C.M.'s ex-husband and child as directed by a court order constituted incompetence and professional misconduct. The complainant alleged that the Respondent failed to confirm information provided by the child's father during visitation, and later related by the Respondent to Child Protective Services, ("CPS"), a New York state agency, which

resulted in erroneous conclusions by the NY State agency that the mother refused to bring the child to the scheduled visits. It was further alleged that the Respondent released information about the child without obtaining a release from the complainant.

The Respondent appeared at an investigative inquiry on July 15, 2013 represented by Gerard Miller, Esquire. Dr. Gregory confirmed that she was court appointed to supervise visitation between the father and the child. Visitation was scheduled on 7/26/2011, 8/1/2011, 8/2/2011, 8/23/2011 and 8/24/2011.

Dr. Gregory also confirmed that she had spoken to a representative from the office of CPS in NY after obtaining a written release from the father. Respondent affirmed that she did not obtain a written release on behalf of the child from the child's mother as she believed she was merely going to chronicle the dates of the visits between the father and child.

The client record contained a copy of a court order filed on 8/22/2011 suspending visitation. While the Respondent was surprised that the father appeared for the scheduled visits on August 23 and 24, she acknowledged that she did not follow up with the complainant to determine the reason for the child's absence. She also testified that she did not follow up with the court or the complainant's attorney to determine the status of the motion.

The Respondent also testified that she informed CPS in September, 2011 that she didn't know the reason that the complainant did not bring the child to the visitation scheduled on August 23 or 24, 2011.

Upon review of all the information, submissions and the Respondent's testimony in this matter, the Board finds Respondent engaged in professional misconduct and a breach of confidentiality as a result of the conduct detailed above. Specifically, the Board

finds that Dr. Gregory released information concerning the child without obtaining a written release from the mother/complainant in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.3(f) and N.J.S.A. 45:14B-28 and Respondent failed as the court appointed supervisor of visitation to follow up with the court, complainant or complainant's attorney to determine the status of the order terminating parenting time. Both actions constitute professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.A.C. 45:1-21(e).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without the need for further disciplinary proceedings; and the Respondent acknowledging and not contesting the findings of the Board; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown:

ACCORDINGLY, ON THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2014,  
ORDERED THAT:

1. The Respondent, Santa Gregory, Ph.D., shall immediately cease and desist from performing forensic psychological services including court-approved supervised visitation.
2. Respondent shall be required to obtain education, training and supervision in forensic psychology for a minimum of one year prior to applying to the Board to resume performing any forensic psychological services. Upon any application to resume forensic practice of psychology, respondent shall provide the name of the course and course syllabus to the Board for review.

3. Courses in the area of forensic psychology shall be submitted to the Board for review prior to an application for resuming forensic psychology and names of three proposed supervisors with copies of their respective curriculum vitae shall be submitted to the Board for pre-approval before the commencement of supervision. Any assumption of such practice will be on conditions to be specified by the Board.
4. Prior to initiating a forensic practice, the Respondent shall appear before the Board or a Committee of the Board to demonstrate her fitness and competency to engage in such a practice including the training obtained in forensic psychology and the supervision obtained. The Board reserves the right in its sole discretion to decline to permit forensic practice, and to require additional training and/or supervision, or limit such practice.
5. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$5000 for violations found above. The penalty amount shall be due and payable no later than 30 days after the filing date of this order. Payment shall be made to the Board of Psychological Examiners, attention Michael Walker, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45017, Newark, New Jersey, 07101. Should the respondent require additional time to pay the civil penalty she shall contact the Executive Director, Michael Walker, prior to expiration of the 30 day payment period and enter into an installment agreement for payments over no more than an 18 month period. The 18 month period shall commence no later than May 15, 2014 and end by October 15, 2015. The first seventeen payments shall equal

\$280.00 and the final and eighteenth payment shall be in the amount of \$240.00 for a total of \$5000. All payments shall be due by 15th of the month, and if any payment is late by more than 10 days after the due date, all outstanding amounts shall be due and owing including interest at the rate permitted by the Rules of Court.

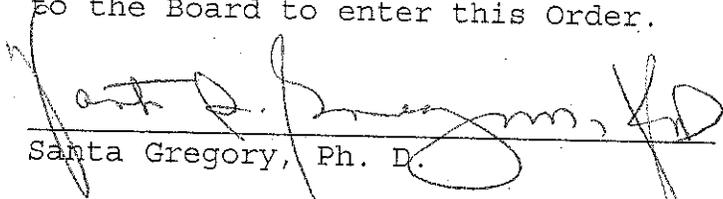
6. Respondent shall pay costs for the investigation in the amount of \$324.83. Payment shall be due within 30 days after the filing date of this order and shall be made payable to the attention of Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Psychological Examiners at the address listed in paragraph #4. The costs may be incorporated with the total civil penalty and included in an increased installment payment as described in paragraph #4 above.

7. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Consent Order constitutes a violation of the Order. Similarly, any Allegations of misconduct and/or violations of the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act and/or its accompanying regulations on the part of the respondent which are substantiated by the Board shall also serve as grounds for the imposition of any other appropriate disciplinary action as the Board may determine.

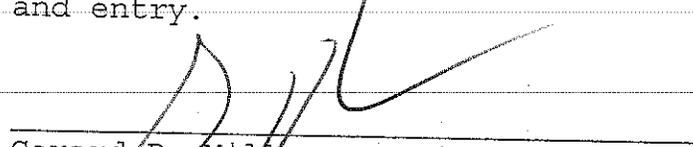
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By:   
Nancy Friedman, Ph.D. Chair

I have read and understand the within  
Consent Order and agree to be bound  
by its terms. Consent is hereby given  
to the Board to enter this Order.

  
Santa Gregory, Ph. D.

This Order is agreed to as to form  
and entry.

  
Gerard D. Miller, Esquire  
Attorney for Santa Gregory, Ph.D.