

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Glenn M. Siegel ("Respondent") is the holder of license number 37PC00365900 and is licensed to practice as a Professional Counselor at all times hereto. (See L2K printout attached hereto as Exhibit A).

2. On or about November 13, 2013, the Committee received a flagging notice advising that Respondent was arrested on October 13, 2012 by the Bernardsville Borough Police Department for violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(4), Possession of Marijuana/Hash and N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On October 22, 2012, the drug paraphernalia charge was dismissed and Respondent was granted a one (1) year Diversionary Program Term for the Possession of Marijuana/Hash charge and assessed a fine of \$899.00. On November 4, 2013, he was given a conditional discharge upon completion of the sentence. (Exhibit B).

3. Upon receipt of the flagging notice, on or about, November 21, 2013, the Committee sent a letter to Respondent requesting certain information and submission of documents, to Respondent's address of record in Liberty Corner, New Jersey. The letter was sent by regular mail and not returned. The letter was again sent on February 24, 2014 by regular and

certified mail. The regular mail was not returned and the certified mail was delivered. (Exhibit C).

4. To date, Respondent has not provided a response to the Committee's request for further information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Committee's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Committee investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21 (h).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7 day of November, 2014,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice as a Professional Counselor is provisionally suspended until such time as Respondent cooperates fully with the Committee's investigation by providing the Committee with the information requested in the Committee's February 24, 2014 letter. Respondent shall provisionally refrain from engaging in the practice of professional counseling and shall not represent himself as a professional counselor until such time as his certification is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to such

reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

2. Respondent shall remit payment of a monetary penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25 in the amount of \$250.00. Payment shall be made by money order, bank cashier check or certified check, made payable to the State of New Jersey or by wire transfer, direct deposit or credit card payment delivered or mailed to Milagros Collazo, Executive Director, State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making payment. Payment shall be due no later than fifteen (15) days after the filing of any Final Order of Discipline. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

3. Respondent may request a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law within thirty (30) days of the date this Provisional Order is filed by:

- a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Milagros Collazo, Executive Director, State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

- b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.
- c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore or offered in mitigation of penalty.

4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Committee and the Committee will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty (30) day period, or if the Committee is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order will be entered.

5. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Committee shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

6. In the event that the Committee receives no written request for modification or dismissal within thirty (30) days

following entry of this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Committee review, all referenced preliminary Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and all provisional sanctions or penalties imposed by this Order shall automatically become the Final Decision and Order of the Committee. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

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COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

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