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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Alexandra Rush

CONSENT ORDER

License No: 37LC00042600

REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE  
WITH RESTRICTIONS

TO PRACTICE CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND  
DRUG COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY

The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners ("Committee"), has reviewed the application of Alexandra Rush ("Ms. Rush" or "respondent") for a reinstatement of her license to practice as a clinical drug and counselor. By Consent Order filed February 14, 2007, Ms. Rush's license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling was suspended for a period of five (5) years, three

years active, for engaging in inappropriate and unethical conduct, specifically, having a sexual relationship with a former client within twenty-four (24) months of terminating treatment. During the first three years of the suspension, respondent was restricted from practicing as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor, but could practice as an employee under the supervision of a Board approved supervisor. The remainder of the suspension period was stayed and served as a period of probation.

Respondent has satisfied the terms of the February 14, 2007, Consent Order, including successful completion of three years of psychotherapy including discussion of boundary issues and ethics applicable to drug and alcohol counseling; successful completion of a course in legal standards of alcohol and drug counseling; completion of three (3) credit graduate level courses in ethics and boundary issues; payment of the civil penalty and costs of the state's investigation; submission of report from psychotherapists demonstrating engagement in therapy, progress, recommendations, plans for future treatment and explanation of why treatment should conclude; and submission of a listing of each job held during the suspension.

Having reviewed the above and having approved Ms. Rush's current employment and supervisor, the Committee concludes that Ms. Rush has demonstrated that she is fit and competent to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling under the terms set forth in this order. The Committee finds that this Consent Order adequately protects the public health, safety, and welfare;

THEREFORE, IT IS on this 27 day of April, 2015,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Alexandra Rush's license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey is reinstated conditioned upon compliance with the terms of this Consent Order.

2. Ms. Rush shall not engage in the independent practice of alcohol and drug counseling. Respondent shall practice only under the supervision of a Committee approved supervisor.

3. Respondent shall not treat or interact with sexual offenders or persons who have been charged with, or convicted of, sexual offenses.

4. Prior to engaging in the practices of clinical alcohol and drug counseling, Ms. Rush shall advise the Committee of the name and address of her employer and her proposed supervisor(s). the supervisor(s) must hold a current valid CCS credential (Certified Clinical Supervisor). Supervision shall be for a minimum of 1500 hours of practice beginning with the filing of this order and until further order of the Committee. Respondent's supervisor(s) shall be provided with a copy of this order and shall sign a copy of this order indicating that he or she agrees to supervise Ms. Rush and to provide quarterly reports to the Committee regarding respondent's practice. Reports shall be sent to Milagros Collazo, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, P.O. Box 45050, Newark, New Jersey, 07101. The first quarterly report is due ninety days after the entry of this consent order. The Committee has approved Glen Duncan as Ms. Rush's initial

supervisor. Practice may be compensated or uncompensated.

5. Respondent shall meet not less than once a week with her supervisor; not more than half of the weekly supervision meetings may be group supervision.

6. If Ms. Rush changes supervisors or her place employment, she shall be required to submit to the Committee written notification of the change(s) within ten (10) days of the change(s), and appear before the Committee if so requested. The Committee reserves the right to grant or deny approval of the proposed supervisor.

7. All supervisors signing this order agree to submit quarterly reports as required by paragraph 4 above and to submit written notifications to the Committee if Ms. Rush engages in any activity that appears to violate the statutes or regulations governing the practice of alcohol and drug counseling, or if supervision of Ms. Rush ceases and the reason for ending the supervision. The supervisor agrees to send written notification regarding any change in supervision with ten (10) days of the change. Notifications shall be send to Milagros Collazo at the address in paragraph 4 above.

8. Upon the completion of a minimum of 1500 hours of practicing alcohol and drug counseling under supervision in accordance with the terms of this order; Ms. Rush may apply for an unrestricted license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling. At the Committee's discretion, respondent may be required to appear before the Committee in connection with that

application. The Committee reserves the right to place restrictions on respondent's license during the period of supervision or after completion of the period should the Committee's review of her practice demonstrate that such restrictions are warranted.

9. During the period respondent is practicing under supervision, she shall not provide supervision to any person practicing alcohol and drug counseling.

10. Ms. Rush shall notify the Committee with 72 hours of any arrest for, or charges of, any crime or offense, and any actions taken by her employer related to her professional practice. Notice shall be sent to Ms. Collazo at the address in paragraph 4 above.

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By: Edward G. Reading, Ph.D., LCADC  
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Chairman

I have read and understand  
this Consent Order and agree  
to be bound by its terms.

Alexandra Rush  
Alexandra Rush

I am the supervisor for Alexandra Rush  
I have read this consent order and  
agree to comply with its terms as to  
supervision of Ms. Rush.

Glen Dwan

(Sign and print name)

Glen Dwan LAC, LCADC, CCS, ACS