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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

Elvira Maler, MSW, LCSW
#44SC05280200

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") upon the application of Joel Kaplan for an initial license to practice social work. Respondent Elvira Maler was Mr. Kaplan's supervisor at Metropolitan Mental Health in Fort Lee, NJ for a period beginning October, 2014, according to the application submitted to the Board by Mr. Kaplan.

Having considered the entire matter, including the documents submitted by Mr. Kaplan and the respondent explaining Mr. Kaplan's job responsibilities at Metropolitan Mental Health, the Board finds that respondent, as Mr. Kaplan's direct supervisor, permitted Mr. Kaplan to engage in functions that were within the scope of practice of clinical social work including psychotherapy notwithstanding that Mr. Kaplan did not possess a certification or license to practice, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n), aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of social work.

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n). It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, and the Board finding the entry of the Consent Order to be in the public interest,

IT IS ON THIS ^{8th} DAY OF July 2015,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT

1. Respondent shall cease and desist permitting unlicensed persons to provide social work services, and shall ensure that all individuals whom she supervises are properly licensed as required by law.

2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 for aiding and abetting the unlicensed clinical practice of Joel Kaplan. The penalty shall be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, State Board of Social Work Examiners, PO Box 45033, New Jersey 07101, within fourteen days of the entry of the within Consent Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS



Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSCW
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.

E. M.
[RESPONDENT, INITIALS]

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