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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPY EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR	:	
REVOCAION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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	:	FINAL ORDER OF
GLENN M. SIEGEL	:	DISCIPLINE
License No. 37PC00365900	:	
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TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR :	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (the "Committee") upon receipt of information which the Committee has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

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 relevant hereto.

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.

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.

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, and constitutes professional misconduct, subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21 (e) and (h).

#### DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") seeking the suspension of respondent's license to practice as a professional counselor in the State of New Jersey and a civil penalty of \$250.00 was entered on November 7, 2014. A copy was forwarded to respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The regular mailing was not returned; and the certified mail was delivered by USPS. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the POD. The response included a narrative by Respondent regarding the facts that led to his

arrest and documentation regarding his conditional discharge. The Committee has evaluated the material provided and determined that the response was sufficient. Accordingly, the POD will be finalized with modification. Respondent's license will not be suspended, but the \$250.00 penalty will still be imposed, because Respondent failed to respond to the letter of inquiry in a timely manner. The Board should not have to expend resources to file a POD, nor should an investigation be delayed because of Respondent's failure to provide the requested documentation.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 17 day of July, 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. 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 this 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.

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By:   
William Green L.R.C.  
Committee Chair