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

IN THE MATTER OF	:	Administrative Action
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STEPHANIE FLEMING	:	INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
LICENSE NO. 37PC00510200	:	OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
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TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED	:	
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	:	

This matter was opened to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapists ("Committee") upon receipt of information indicating that Stephanie Fleming was indicted on September 29, 2015 in the Superior Court of New Jersey for sixteen (16) counts of Health Care Claims Fraud, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.2 and N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3a, two (2) counts of Medicaid Fraud, in violation of

N.J.S.A. 30:4D-17a, one (1) count of Theft by Deception, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-4 and twenty-three (23) counts of Forgery, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1a(1). Specifically, it is alleged that Respondent received reimbursement for in home residential counseling and therapy sessions, when in fact she did not render the services.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent has engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception or misrepresentation, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), engaged in acts constituting crimes which relate adversely the activity regulated by the Committee, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:11-21(f) and professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-2(e), which provide bases for disciplinary action against Respondent.

It appearing that Respondent wishes to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to Respondent's ability to defend the allegations against her; the Committee finding that the public health, safety and welfare is adequately protected, and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 19 day of November, 2015;

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender her license to practice as a professional counselor in

the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a suspension of Respondent's license, pending disposition of the criminal charges, and until further Order of the Committee. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, mail her license to practice professional counseling to Executive Director Milagros Collazo, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, State Board of Marriage and Family Therapists, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey, 07101.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a licensed professional counselor and/or practicing as a licensed professional counselor in the State of New Jersey.

3. Nothing herein shall preclude the Committee from initiating disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the practice of counseling in the State or any violations of law, by the Committee, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including but not limited to any pending matters under investigation.

4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the Respondent.

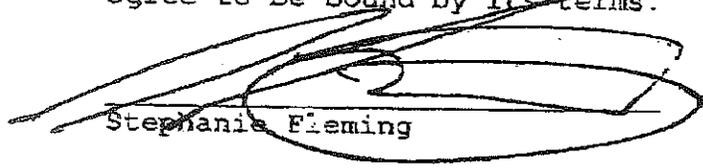
5. Any violation of this order by Respondent shall

constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF
THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST EXAMINERS

By: William F. Green LRC
William Green, L.R.C.
Committee Chair

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


Stephanie Fleming

Dated: 11/14/15