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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :	
FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE :	
LICENSE OF: :	Administrative Action
:	:
LISA LABRUNDA, LCSW :	CONSENT ORDER OF
License No. 44SC05329200 :	REINSTATEMENT OF
:	LICENSE
TO PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL :	:
WORK IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	:

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("the Board") upon receipt of an application for reinstatement of the license of Lisa LaBrunda ("Respondent") to practice clinical social work in the State of New Jersey. Respondent received her LCSW license on May 14, 2007, and it expired on August 31, 2012.

As part of her application for reinstatement, respondent explained certain difficult circumstances that led to her failure to renew her license on a timely basis in 2012. She admitted that she engaged in the practice of clinical social work, seeing clients in her private practice, even after the expiration of her license and until approximately September 2015.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Board that Respondent continued to practice clinical social work without an active license, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-4, N.J.A.C. 13:44G-7.1, and N.J.A.C. 13:44G-9.3, which provides grounds to take disciplinary action against her license to practice clinical social work in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h). The parties desiring to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, respondent waiving any right to a hearing, and the Board finding that entry of this Order adequately protects the public health, safety, and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 9th DAY OF December, 2015,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license shall be reinstated subject to the provisions of this order, as well as payment of all necessary fees and completion of a criminal history background check.
2. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for the unlicensed practice of clinical social work in New Jersey.
3. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-25, in the amount of \$5,000 for the violations set forth herein. Payment may be made in monthly installments over 18 months, with the first payment of \$278.25 due upon signing of this Order, and subsequent payments of \$277.75 payable on the first of each month thereafter until the \$5,000 is paid in full. Payments 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 J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Social Work Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101. If any payment is submitted more than ten days after its due date, the entire balance will immediately

become due and payable, and a certificate of debt shall be filed by the Board. Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

4. Respondent shall successfully complete five (5) credits of in-person continuing education courses relating to ethics. These five credits shall be completed within three months of entry of this Order, and shall be in addition to the biennial requirement of forty (40) credits for the renewal of respondent's license. Respondent has previously demonstrated proof of the remainder of the continuing education required for the reinstatement of her license. In addition, all courses taken to satisfy the credits required for biennial renewal in 2016 must be taken in person. Respondent shall provide the Board with proof of successful completion for each course taken to fulfill the ethics requirement within thirty (30) days of completion, and shall provide proof of completion of the 40 required credits for renewal of her license prior to August 31, 2016.

5. Failure to comply with all of the terms of the order, including payment of civil penalties as set forth herein, will result in further disciplinary action for failure to comply with a Board Order.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By: Dawn Apgar
Dawn Apgar, Ph.D., LSW, ACSW
Board President

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.

Lisa LaBrunda
Lisa LaBrunda, LCSW

11/23/2015
Date

Consent is given as to form and entry
of the order:



Nicholas S. Brindisi, Esq.
Attorney for Lisa LaBrunda, LCSW

11/23/15

Date