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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF: **MAY E. WELDON, LSW** License No. 44SL00312600 TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **CONSENT ORDER**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of information that Respondent May E. Weldon, LSW, had engaged in the private practice of clinical social work. The Board received information from the Camden County Prosecutor's office in connection with an indictment of defendant on charges relating to the billing for her services in her social work practice. The criminal charges have all been dismissed, but the Board sought additional information relating to the nature of respondent's practice. As a licensed social worker, respondent is prohibited from engaging in

independent clinical practice, and may only provide clinical services under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker. The information provided suggested that respondent has provided psychotherapeutic counseling services to clients from her private practice, and billed for those services from approximately 2003 through 2015.

Respondent, through her counsel, Justin Loughry, Esq., submitted a letter to the Board explaining the history of her practice. She began practicing in the early 1990's by providing employee assistance program services as an employee of Camden County. In 1997, she incorporated her own business, Workforce Options, Inc., through which she continued to provide employee assistance services. She contends that those services did not include psychotherapy or counseling at the outset. She later provided counseling and psychotherapy to some of her clients and billed for her services through Workforce Options, Inc.; she was not, at all times, receiving the clinical supervision required by the Board's regulations. Respondent indicates that she has seen no clients since July 31, 2015.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Board that Respondent engaged in the independent clinical practice of social work for a fee when she was not licensed as a licensed clinical social worker, and was providing clinical services without being under the supervision of a licensed clinical social

worker, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-4 and N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1(a). Respondent's conduct provides grounds to take disciplinary action against her license to practice social work in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). The parties desiring to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, respondent having expressly waived her right to a hearing in this matter, and the Board finding that entry of this Order adequately protects the public health, safety, and welfare, for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 13th DAY OF July, 2016,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender her license to practice as a social worker in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a suspension of her license. The suspension will continue for a minimum of two years, effective upon entry of this Order.

2. Upon surrender of her license, respondent shall cease and desist from advertising, offering to engage in or engaging in the practice of clinical social work, social work, mental health therapy or counseling, personal or life coaching, or the provision of any and all social work services in New Jersey in any setting, including exempt settings as defined by N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5.

3. Respondent shall surrender her original wall certificate, wallet certificate, and the most recent renewal card

of her license to the Executive Director of the Board by mailing them to J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Social Work Examiners, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order. In the event that respondent cannot locate any of these licenses, respondent shall provide a certification indicating that the certificate or license has been lost.

4. Prior to any application for reinstatement of her license as a social worker, respondent shall:

a. Take and pass the masters' level examination required for licensure as an LSW in New Jersey;

b. Provide the Board with a certification from her treating physician that respondent is able to resume the practice of social work in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety, and welfare, along with suggestions for any limitations that should be imposed upon her practice.

5. In the event that the Board grants reinstatement of respondent's license, respondent will limited to work as an employee of a private practice, agency or hospital setting where she can work as an employee under supervision as required by N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1. Respondent's social work services shall be supervised weekly by a New Jersey licensed clinical social worker, not previously known by Respondent, who satisfies the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1 and who shall be pre-approved by the Board

following submission of his or her credentials to the Board. The prospective supervisor shall be provided with a copy of this Consent Order. He or she shall submit to the Board a signed copy of this Consent Order, indicating that he or she has read the Order and agrees to comply with its terms. Supervision shall continue indefinitely, until respondent obtains a license as a licensed clinical social worker. All costs of supervision shall be paid by respondent.

6. Any practice in this State in violation of the above conditions shall constitute unlicensed practice and/or grounds for discipline for violation of an Order of the Board as well as professional misconduct.

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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.

May E. Weldon
May E. Weldon, LSW

5-11-2016
Date

Consent is given as to form and entry of this Order.

Justin T. Loughry, Esq.
Attorney for May E. Weldon, LSW

5-18-2016
Date