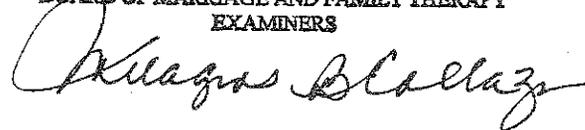


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:

Administrative Action

ROSEANN A. BENNETT, LMFT
License No. 37F100162800

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of complaints alleging that respondent Roseann Bennett (nee Stanton) ("respondent") did not provide appropriate supervision to students and licensees who worked at the Center for Assessment and Treatment, the agency she owned, and supervised a man with whom she was romantically involved.

Respondent appeared with prior counsel, Christopher Carey, Esq. at an inquiry conducted by the Board. Bennett testified that she created the Center for Assessment and Treatment as a non-profit corporation in 2009. When the agency first opened, she was responsible for the clinical work and supervision of clinical staff; Todd Bennett, now

respondent's husband, was the Chief Operating Officer. During the time period discussed at the inquiry, however, respondent testified that she and Mr. Bennett were dating, and were careful to keep their personal and professional lives separate. She explained that Mr. Bennett was in a masters' program, and that although he occasionally attended some group supervision where she led the group, she did not provide individual supervision to him at any time. Respondent also testified as to her supervision of various students and employees, and discussed the supervision process and goals of supervision.

As part of its investigation into the matter, the Board also heard testimony from Todd Bennett, LPC and Michael Shea, LPC, and reviewed additional client and supervision records provided to the Board. After its review of all information in this matter, the Board finds that respondent supervised Mr. Bennett at a time when they were engaged in a personal relationship in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34-3.3(d). The Board also found that respondent assigned cases to interns and clinicians that may have been beyond their level of experience and without providing proper supervision in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34-3.3(c), and failed to keep proper client and supervision records, including a failure to properly review and sign off on records as required, constituting professional misconduct as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34-2.1(a)3 and (a)4. The Board finds that the described conduct, if proven, would provide grounds to take disciplinary action against respondent's license to practice marriage and family therapy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (e) and (h). The parties desiring to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, respondent denying any

wrongdoing and waiving 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 14 DAY OF July, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license shall be suspended for a period of two years, all to be stayed and served as a period of probation, contingent on compliance with the terms of this Order and compliance with all of the laws governing the practice of marriage and family therapy in New Jersey.

2. During the two years of probation, all work performed by respondent shall be under the supervision of a Board-approved qualified supervisor who is a New Jersey licensed LMFT. The Board has approved Lalita Salins, LMFT as respondent's supervisor. Ms. Salins shall be provided with a copy of this Consent Order; she shall submit to the Board an updated curriculum vitae along with a signed copy of this Consent Order, indicating that she has read the Order and agrees to comply with its terms. Respondent and her supervisor shall meet face-to-face a minimum of once a week. In addition to a review of all client progress notes, the supervision shall focus on boundary issues, recordkeeping, supervision of clinical staff, notes of supervision and ethics for marriage and family therapists. The supervisor shall provide quarterly progress reports regarding supervision of respondent. An unfavorable report may be considered a violation of this Consent Order. At the conclusion of two years of supervision, Ms. Salins shall provide a complete report to the Board concerning

respondent's supervision, including a recommendation as to whether respondent may resume the unsupervised practice of marriage and family therapy. Respondent may not terminate supervision without the consent of the Board. All costs of supervision shall be borne by respondent.

3. Respondent shall be permitted to continue supervision of T.Ryan, M. Zepka, J. Javanis and C. Salgado. She is not permitted to start supervision with L. Martin or any other student or clinician until the period of suspension is completed.

4. Respondent shall successfully complete a three-credit graduate-level course offered by a regionally accredited institution in ethics related to marriage and family therapy. The course may be taken online or in person and must be completed during the period of probation. Continuing education credits will not satisfy this requirement. Proof of successful completion must be provided to the Board within ten days of completion.

5. Respondent must re-take and successfully complete the AAMFT Supervision course. The didactic portion of the course may be completed online, but the interactive portion of the course must be completed in person. The course must be taken within the first six months of probation. Respondent must inform the AAMFT that, other than the individuals identified in paragraph 3 above, she is not permitted to supervise until her period of probation is completed.

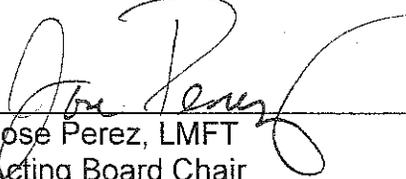
6. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25, in the amount of \$5,000 for the conduct described herein. Payment of the civil penalties shall be submitted by bank check, or money order made payable to the State

of New Jersey, or arrangements shall be made for wire transfer or payment by credit card. Any other form of payment will be rejected by the Board and returned to respondent. Payment shall be delivered or mailed to Milagros Collazzo, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45007, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order.

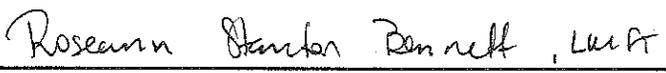
7. Respondent shall be assessed the costs of the State's investigation in this matter in the amount of \$1,243.25. Payment shall be made consistent with requirements set forth in paragraph 6 above, contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order.

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THERAPY EXAMINERS

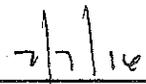
By: _____


Jose Perez, LMFT
Acting Board 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.



Roseann Stanton Bennett, LMFT

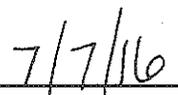


Date

Consent is given as to form and entry of this Order



Nan Gallagher, Esq.
Attorney for Roseann Stanton Bennett, LMFT



Date

I have read the attached Consent Order.
I agree to supervise Roseann Stanton Bennett's clinical practice of marriage and family therapy during face-to-face sessions a minimum of **one hour per week** and to report quarterly to the Board regarding her progress, as set forth above.

Lalita Salins

Supervisor Signature

Print name: LALITA SALINS License #: 37FI00167400

Telephone #
(including area code and extension number)