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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF **MARYANNE L. COWAN, L.C.S.W.** TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO FILE ANSWER**

To: Maryanne L. Cowan, L.C.S.W.
572 West Saddle River Road
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners by Verified Complaint of Christopher S. Porrino, Attorney General of New Jersey, by David M. Puteska, Deputy Attorney General, together with supporting documents and exhibits, seeking the temporary suspension of the license of Respondent, Maryanne L. Cowan, L.C.S.W. ("Respondent"), to practice social work and for such other relief deemed appropriate, pursuant to the authority conferred on the Board by N.J.S.A. 45:1-14 et seq. and related administrative regulations. It being alleged in the Verified Complaint that the Respondent committed serious violations of the statutes governing the practice of social work, unlicensed practice of medicine and surgery and the

prescribing of controlled dangerous substances, and it being further alleged that the continued practice of social work by the Respondent pending final disposition of the Verified Complaint would represent a clear and imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-22; and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 5th day of October 2016,

ORDERED That the Respondent, either in person or by attorney, show cause before the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners, or a Committee thereof, on **the 19th Day of October, 2016** at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the parties may be heard, **at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey**, why an Order should not be entered temporarily suspending Respondent's license to practice social work in this State, or imposing such other restraints as the Board deems necessary; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order, together with the Verified Complaint and exhibits and materials in support thereof be served upon Respondent forthwith; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall file an Answer to the charges contained in the Verified Complaint, and a Response to the Order to Show Cause, **on or before October 17, 2016**; said Answer and Response to be delivered to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101, with a copy delivered on that same date and time to David M. Puteska, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law, 124 Halsey Street, 5th Floor, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101; and it is further

ORDERED that failure to respond to this Order to Show Cause or failure to file an Answer to the Verified Complaint or failure to appear before the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners in person or through an attorney, as is herein required, may result in this matter being

considered in Respondent's absence on the proofs presented and an Order may be entered against Respondent for any and all relief demanded in the Verified Complaint; and it is further

ORDERED that an admission of the charges will indicate that Respondent does not wish to contest the charges stated, rendering a hearing unnecessary in this matter. The case will then be presented to the State Board of Social Work Examiners within thirty (30) days of the receipt of Respondent's Answer or on an adjourned date, together with any written materials she may wish to submit with the Answer in alleged mitigation of penalty, for a determination as to whether disciplinary actions, including suspension or revocation of Respondent's license to practice social work or other sanctions should be imposed and whether monetary penalties and costs should be assessed and, if so, the amount thereof, pursuant to the authority conferred on the Board by N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 45:1-14 et seq.; and it is further

ORDERED that a denial of the charges will result in a formal hearing which may be conducted by the Board or by an administrative law judge, who, upon notice to Respondent, will hear the Complaint and consider the imposition of disciplinary sanctions. Respondent may appear at the hearing either in person or by attorney or both, and shall be afforded an opportunity at the time to make defense to any and all charges.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By: _____
Maureen Braun Scalera, L.C.S.W.,
Chairperson

KINDLY ADDRESS AN ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF RESPONDENT'S ANSWER SPECIFICALLY RESPONDING TO EACH PARAGRAPH OF THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT TO:

J. MICHAEL WALKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
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