

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Bureau of Professional and
Occupational Affairs

vs.

Natalie Mary Barone
Respondent

Docket No. 1844-63-10
File No. 10-63-05234

Department of State

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") and Natalie Mary Barone ("Respondent") stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned case.

1. This matter is before the State Board of Psychology ("Board") pursuant to the Professional Psychologists Practice Act, Act of Mar. 23, 1972, P.L. 136, No. 52, as amended, (Act), 63 P.S. §§ 1201-18.

2. At all relevant and material times, Respondent held a license to practice as a psychologist in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, license number PS016795, which was originally issued on April 28, 2010.

3. The Respondent admits that the following facts are true:

a. Respondent's license is current through November 30, 2011 and may be renewed thereafter upon the filing of the appropriate documentation and payment of the necessary fees.

b. Respondent's last known address on file with the Board is 58 Shadow Lane, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922; however her current address is 31 Parchment Drive, New Hope, PA 18938-1040.

c. Respondent last practiced psychology in the State of New Jersey.

d. On or about August 25, 2010, the State of New Jersey entered into an Interim Consent Order with Respondent.

e. The New Jersey Interim Consent Order was based upon receipt of information from a resident at the Special Treatment Unit alleging that Respondent engaged in boundary violations involving a personal relationship while Respondent was the clinical director at the Special Treatment Unit.

f. The New Jersey Interim Consent Order provided for Respondent to indefinitely surrender her license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

g. A true and correct copy of the New Jersey Interim Consent Order dated August 25, 2010 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

4. The Commonwealth alleges that, by virtue of the foregoing, the Board is authorized to suspend, revoke, limit or restrict Respondent's license or reprimand Respondent under § 8(a)(7) of the Act, 63 P.S. § 1208(a)(7), in that Respondent had a license to practice psychology disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state, territory or country.

5. Intending to be legally bound, the participants consent to issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:

a. In accordance with the Act at § 8(a)(7), 63 P.S. § 1208(a)(7), pertaining to disciplinary action in another state, Respondent agrees to the **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION** of her license to practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, license no. PS016795. However, pursuant to paragraph 8, Respondent may apply for reinstatement after one (1) year.

b. Upon adoption of this Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from the practice of psychology in the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Respondent agrees that she will not represent herself as a psychologist, practice or purport to practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hold herself forth as authorized to practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the use of a title, or otherwise hold herself forth as authorized to practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

c. Respondent shall, within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Board's Order adopting and implementing this Consent Agreement, surrender her wall certificate, registration certificate, wallet card and any other licensure documents by mailing them or delivering them in person to:

Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire
Department of State
Office of Chief Counsel
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

d. Pursuant to 49 Pa. Code §41.92, Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Board's Order adopting and implementing this Consent Agreement, notify in writing all current clients of the voluntary surrender of her license. The notice shall contain the following information:

1. The sanction imposed;
2. The effective date and length of the sanction;
3. The nature of the alleged violation; and
4. A statement that the licensee will assist patients in obtaining alternative professional resources and in transferring psychological records.

e. Respondent shall, within forty-five (45) days of the issuance of the Board's Order adopting and implementing this Consent Agreement, provide to the undersigned prosecuting attorney a notarized affidavit that she has fully complied with the notification to her clients provision set forth in subparagraph "e" above.

f. This Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its approval and adoption by the Board.

6. This Consent Agreement between the Commonwealth and Respondent shall not be construed in any way to limit the Commonwealth's ability to proceed with further disciplinary action regardless of the outcome of the matter in New Jersey. Respondent, as a condition of this Agreement, waives any potential claim of an untimely prosecution or a laches defense in any subsequent disciplinary proceeding involving the underlying allegations in the New Jersey matter or any additional allegations of misconduct.

7. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and to the following rights related to that hearing: to be represented by counsel at the hearing; to present witnesses and testimony in defense or in mitigation of any sanction that may be imposed for a violation; to cross examine witnesses and to challenge evidence presented by the Commonwealth; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.

8. Respondent may request a reinstatement hearing regarding her Pennsylvania licensure, with the understanding that reinstatement is not automatic. Respondent must comply with all licensure requirements and the Board's request for documents or information and show to the Board's satisfaction that she can safely, and competently practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In no case shall Respondent apply for reinstatement prior to the expiration of one (1) year of the Order of this Agreement.

9. This Consent Agreement is between the Commonwealth and Respondent only.

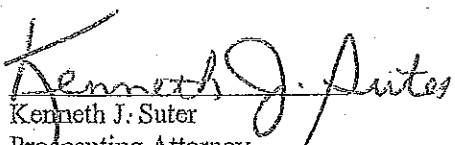
Except as otherwise noted, this Agreement is to have no legal effect unless and until the Office of General Counsel approves the contents as to form and legality and the Board issues the stipulated Order.

10. Should the Board not approve this Consent Agreement, presentation to and consideration of this Consent Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement.

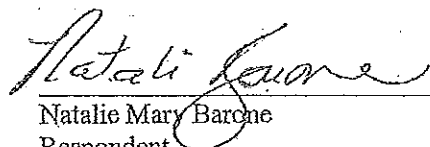
11. Respondent agrees, as a condition of entering into this Consent Agreement, not to seek modification at a later date of the stipulated Order adopting and implementing this Consent Agreement without first obtaining the express written concurrence of the Prosecution Division.

12. This Agreement contains the whole agreement between the participants. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this Agreement.

13. Respondent verifies that the facts and statements set forth in this Agreement are true and correct to the best of Respondent's knowledge, information and belief. Respondent understands that statements in this Agreement are made subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.


Kenneth J. Suter
Prosecuting Attorney
Department of State

DATED: September 1, 2010


Natalie Mary Barone
Respondent

DATED: 9/1/10

COMMONWEALTH
EXHIBIT

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Date: _____

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FILED WITH THE BOARD OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
ON August 25, 2010
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

NATALIE BARONE, Ph. D.
License No. 35SI00414500

Administrative Action

INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY IN
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of information from M.B., a resident at the Special Treatment Unit ("the STU") in Kearny, NJ alleging that Dr. Barone ("Respondent") engaged in boundary violations involving a personal relationship with him while respondent was the Clinical Director.

Respondent was afforded an opportunity by the Board to respond in writing to the allegations made by M.B. but has not done so to date. Respondent claims that she has

not been permitted to exhaust the administrative remedies available to her in her former position as Clinical Director of the STU from which she alleges she voluntarily resigned from employment, nor does she wish to waive her 5th Amendment right against self incrimination, as she has been informed that she is the subject of a criminal investigation.

The Respondent through her attorney, John Furlong, Esquire, has informed the Board that she is not practicing psychology in the State of New Jersey, has withdrawn from all affiliations that she had with a private practice group in New Jersey and she does not intend to start a private or any other practice in New Jersey. Dr. Barone no longer resides in NJ. Respondent offers to surrender her license to engage in the practice of psychology in New Jersey indefinitely.

The respondent being desirous of resolving this matter on an interim basis without resort to any admissions or formal proceedings at this time, and respondent, without admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend against any proceedings brought by the Board, and the Board reserving its right to investigate as indicated below, to bring formal proceedings regarding the allegations indicated above and the Board having determined that the following provisions are sufficiently protective of the public interest and welfare, and for good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 25th DAY OF August, 2010

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to engage in the practice of psychology in the State of New Jersey is hereby surrendered indefinitely to the administrative office of the State Board of Psychological Examiners upon the entry of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist practicing psychology in any private practice or public or other entity and including the practice of psychology in any exempt setting until her license is reinstated by this Board.

3. Respondent shall no later than ten (10) days following the entry of this order, return her wall certificate and current biennial certificate of registration to engage in the practice of psychology to the attention of J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, State Board of Psychological Examiners, P.O. Box 45017, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. This order shall not preclude the Board from requiring respondent to appear and/or answer its inquiries as to whether respondent engaged in acts or practices declared unlawful by a statute and/or regulation administered by the Board, at such time as matters regarding respondent's position at the STU and the criminal investigation referenced above are concluded. This order shall not preclude the Board from bringing formal proceedings regarding the matter referenced above at any time.

5. Prior to any application for reinstatement of license the respondent is required to come before the Board or a committee of the Board to address the allegations of the matter concerning M.B. and to demonstrate to the Board fitness to resume the practice of psychology. Respondent shall also demonstrate that she has remained proficient in the profession. Any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for the charge of unlicensed practice.

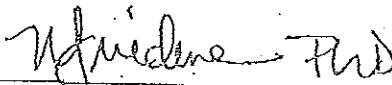
6. The Board reserves the right to impose any restrictions on respondent's practice as it deems necessary, including but not limited to psychological evaluation, remedial education and/or assessment of competency and restrictions on the nature and

location of practice at such time as any application for reinstatement of license is considered.

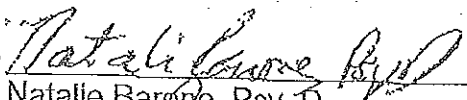
7. This order shall remain in effect until specifically modified by further order of the Board.

8. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of the Order which will establish grounds for disciplinary action as the Board may determine.

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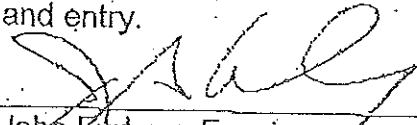
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Nancy Friedman, Ph.D.
Chair

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.


Natalie Barone, Psy. D.

DATED: 8/11/10

This Order is agreed to as to form and entry.


John Furlong, Esquire
Attorney for Natalie Barone, Psy. D.

DATED: Aug. 9, 2010

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ORDER

AND NOW, this ^{7th} 20th day of September 2010, the State Board of Psychology ("Board")

adopts and approves the foregoing Consent Agreement and incorporates the terms of paragraph 5, which shall constitute the Board's Order and is now issued in resolution of this matter.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND
OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

Basil L. Merenda
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Commissioner

For the Commonwealth:

Respondent:

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BY ORDER:
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