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Lorne J. Malkiewich, Director  
Legislative Council Bureau  
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Dear Mr. Malkiewich,

Pursuant to SB420, The Board of Examiners for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors is submitting the required quarterly disciplinary report for July 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002.

On September 30, 2002 the Board records reflect a total of 46 active allegation files. During the quarter the Board, received 2 allegations. On September 30, 2002, 41 allegation files remain open.

In lieu of hearings the Board entered into three consent decrees, clearing five allegations. Attached is a summary of the consent decrees entered into. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL  
& DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon Atkinson".

Sharon Atkinson  
Executive Director  
Enclosure

Consent Decree Summary for the Period of 7/1/02 to 9/3/02:

**Consent Decree in the matter of Susan Benassi, LADC – 849L**

**Case # ALCO –001-01**

**Approved by the Board August 7, 2002**

The decree stipulated to the following alleged offense(s):

The Board received a complaint against Respondent alleging that she had acted in violation of the regulations of the Board in that on certain occasions she failed to observe boundaries with a client, all of which, if proven, are violations of applicable sections of Chapter 641C of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 641C of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The stipulation form of discipline was as follows:

The Board is prepared to commence formal disciplinary proceedings regarding the complaint, and the Respondent is prepared to defend against the allegations. However, the parties desire to compromise and settle the matter upon the following terms and conditions;

- a) Within a year of the effective date of this agreement Respondent must complete a total of six credits or units, which include the following types of course, work: ethics, confidentiality, boundaries/dual relationships and professional responsibilities toward clients. The courses will not apply to continuing education requirements.
- b) Within 60 days of completion of the courses Respondent must complete a separate paper on the content of each course and how it relates to this disciplinary action. Each report must be at least 3 pages, double-spaced, 12 font and must be submitted to the Board for review. Upon review by the Board, the Board may require a supplement report if the Board is not satisfied with the content of the report.
- c) Respondent's license will be placed on probationary status for one year and will be subject to suspension if probation is revoked.
- d) Respondent will be subject to clinical supervision by a Board approved supervisor for one year. Respondent may chose to have the clinical supervision occur off site of her employment. The supervision must occur at least three times, each time to be in advance of each appearance before the Board as provided below
- e) Respondent must appear before the Board three times during the one-year period of time. The Board will give the Respondent a minimum of a thirty-day notice for each meeting. Respondent must appear with her clinical supervisor to report on her progress in confidentiality, boundaries, professional responsibilities to clients and compliance with ethical standers in the field. Respondent may chose to appear in Las Vegas, Nevada at Board meetings that are video-linked to other

board members at other locations.

- f) Respondent must prepare a report for submission to the Board that describes how the experience during the probationary period has changed Respondent's practices and describes what the Respondent has learned from the experience.
- g) Within 45 days of the effective date of this agreement respondent must pay the

Board \$100 to partially defray the cost of the investigation.

- h) If Respondent fails to perform as agreed; her license shall be automatically suspended and shall remain suspended indefinitely until the performance is completed. Such automatic suspension occurs without any affirmative act by the Board. If the license is suspended for non-performance, Respondent further agrees to pay \$300 to the Board to defray the costs of the investigation and of this settlement:
- i) In addition to the suspension, the Board may initiate collection proceedings for failure to pay these costs, and the Board may initiate disciplinary proceedings regarding the allegations if the Board determines that it should consider the question of whether the suspension is adequate discipline in this matter.

**In the matter of Julio Landero, CADC Intern #190I**

**Case # ALCO 013-00**

**Approved by the Board August 7, 2002**

The decree stipulated to the following alleged offenses:

The Board received a complaint against Respondent alleging that he had acted in violation of the regulations of the Board wherein he offered and provided counseling services for sexual abuse, and that such services are beyond the scope of the intern certification, all of which, if proven, are violations of applicable sections of Chapter 641C of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 641C of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The stipulation form of discipline was as follows:

Settlement. The Board is prepared to commence formal disciplinary proceedings regarding the complaint, and the Respondent is prepared to defend against the allegations. However, the parties desire to compromise and settle the matter upon the following terms and conditions:

- a) Respondent will voluntarily surrender his intern certificate on the effective date of this agreement;
- b) The Respondent's current leave of absence from the internship is superceded by this agreement with the effect that the internship will not be reinstated after the lapse of the leave of absence inactive status period. Respondent must reapply for internship after the lapse of the inactive status.

c) When Respondent applies for internship status in the future he will not be permitted to utilize as a supervisor a person in his employ or who is within an association with which he is



affiliated, such as respondent is at this time with Associated Bilingual Counselors and Therapists.

d) This Settlement Agreement supercedes and will supercede any application for licensure or certification Respondent may have pending with the board or which may have been granted by the board, and any license or certificate that Respondent might possess will be placed on an inactive status while Respondent serves an active internship. Respondent must satisfactorily complete an internship before the certificate or license will be reinstated.

e) Within 90 days of the effective date of this agreement Respondent shall attend and complete:

- 1) Six hours of continuing education courses in Nevada;
- 2) Three university level units of ethics, either audited or for credit.
- 3) Three units or hours of classes that deal with boundaries and scope of practice of different types of social science counseling.

If any of the above courses has an examination, Respondent must pass the examination. The courses may be counted toward Respondent's continuing education requirements. If any course has not already been approved by the Board for continuing education, the course must be approved by the Board.

f) Respondent will pay \$250 to partially reimburse the Board for investigation of this matter.

g) If Respondent fails to perform as agreed, any certificates or licenses shall be automatically suspended and shall remain suspended indefinitely until the performance is completed. Such automatic suspension occurs without any affirmative act by the Board. If a certificate or license is suspended for nonperformance of this agreement, Respondent further agrees to pay an additional \$300 to the Board to defray the costs of the investigation and of this settlement.

h) In addition to the suspension, the Board may initiate collection proceedings for failure to pay these costs, and the Board may initiate disciplinary proceedings regarding the allegations if the Board determines that it should consider the question of whether the suspension is adequate discipline in this matter.

**In the matter of Loretta Scott, LADC #870L and Supervisor # 173S  
Case #'s ALCO-033-01, ALCO -034-01, and ALCO-019-01  
Approved by the Board August 7, 2002**

The decree stipulated to the following alleged offenses:

The Board received complaints against Respondent alleging that she had neglected appropriate supervision of staff, including interns, all of which if proven are violations of applicable sections of chapter 641C of the Nevada Revised Statutes and chapter 641C of the Nevada Administrative Code.

Settlement: The Board is prepared to commence formal disciplinary proceedings regarding the complaint, and the Respondent is prepared to defend against the allegations. However, the parties desire to compromise and settle the matter upon the following terms and conditions:

- a) Respondent is suspended as a supervisor for two (2) years from the effective date of this Settlement Agreement. Respondent's license is not suspended.
- b) Within 150 days of the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, Respondent must complete courses in Ethics and Nevada Law. The courses will not apply to continuing education units. Respondent's employer must not pay the cost of the courses. Respondent may apply to the Board or to the executive director for an extension of time if the courses are not available during the 150-day period.
- c) Within 60 days of completion of the courses. Respondent must complete a separate paper on the content of each course and how it relates to this disciplinary action. Each report must be at least 3 pages, double-spaced, 12 font and must be submitted to the Board for review. Upon review by the Board, the Board may require a supplement report if the Board is not satisfied with the content of the report.
- d) After the 2-year suspension is completed, Respondent must appear before the Board before being approved to supervise interns or other certified staff. Prior to the end of the 2-year period, Respondent may apply to the Board for approval as a supervisor.
- e) Respondent must pay the Board \$50.00 to partially defray the cost of the investigation.
- f) If Respondent fails to perform as agreed, her license shall be automatically suspended and shall remain suspended indefinitely until the performance is completed. Such automatic suspension occurs without any affirmative act by the Board. If the license is suspended for no-performance of this Settlement Agreement, Respondent further agrees to pay \$300 to the Board to defray the costs of the investigation and this settlement.
- g) In addition to the suspension, the Board may initiate collection proceedings for failure to pay these costs, and the Board may initiate disciplinary proceedings regarding the allegations if the Board determines that it should consider the question of whether the suspension is adequate discipline in this matter.