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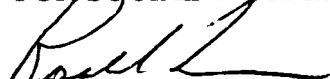
Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Pursuant NRS 622.100, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers is submitting the required quarterly disciplinary report for the period of July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005. On July 1, the Board records reflect thirty (17) active allegation files. During the quarter the Board received an additional three (3) allegations and approved one (1) consent decree. There were no hearings held. The licensee who entered into the consent decree is as follows: Adriana J. Cornella, LCSW 2755-C. A copy of the consent decree is enclosed for your use and is available to the public upon receipt of a written request to the Board. On September 30, 2005, nineteen (19) allegation files remained open.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

NEVADA BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR SOCIAL WORKERS


Rosalind Tuana
Executive Director

Enclosures

BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF

ADRIANNE J. CORONELLA
LCSW NO. 2755-C

Respondent

FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

CASE NO. G05-05

CONSENT DECREE

The State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers ("BOARD") having jurisdiction over licensee ADRIANNE J. CORONELLA ("CORONELLA"), pursuant to NRS 641B.020; an accusation against said licensee having been received alleging violations of the Nevada statutes and regulations controlling the practice of social work; and the parties being mutually desirous of settling the controversy between them relative to the pending accusation;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF RIGHTS

CORONELLA is aware of, understands, and has been advised of the effect of this Consent Decree, which she has carefully read and fully acknowledges. CORONELLA has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel of her choice, and has, in fact, retained Aaron D. Grigsby, Esq., as counsel in this matter.

CORONELLA has freely and voluntarily entered into this Consent Decree, and she is aware of her rights to contest the charges pending against her. These rights include representation by an attorney at her own expense, the right to file an answer in response to a formal complaint, the right to a public hearing on any charges or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against her, the right to present evidence on her own behalf, the right to testify on her own behalf, the right to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision on the merits of the complaint, and the right to obtain judicial

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1 review of the decision. All of these rights are being voluntarily waived by CORONELLA
2 in exchange for the BOARD'S acceptance of this Consent Decree.

3 If the Consent Decree is not accepted by the BOARD, no member of the BOARD
4 will be disqualified from further hearing of this matter, by reason of his or her
5 consideration of the Consent Decree and CORONELLA hereby waives any claim of
6 bias or prejudice based upon said consideration by any member of the BOARD in any
7 subsequent disciplinary hearing conducted by the BOARD.

8 JURISDICTION

9 CORONELLA acknowledges that the BOARD has jurisdiction over her and the
10 conduct that has precipitated this Consent Decree. CORONELLA acknowledges that
11 the BOARD has the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action, including, but
12 not limited to, the revocation of her license to practice social work in Nevada.

13 CORONELLA acknowledges that the BOARD will retain jurisdiction over this
14 matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decree have been met to
15 the satisfaction of the BOARD.

16 PUBLICATION OF CONSENT DECREE

17 CORONELLA acknowledges that at the time this Consent Decree becomes
18 effective, it also becomes a public document and will be reported to the Disciplinary
19 Action Reporting System (DARS) of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) or
20 such other national databases as required by law. It is also understood that the meeting
21 in which the BOARD considers and accepts or rejects this Consent Decree is open to
22 the public and that the minutes of the BOARD meeting are a public document, available
23 for inspection by any person so requesting.

24 STIPULATED FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

25 CORONELLA understands the nature of the allegations under consideration by
26 the BOARD. She acknowledges that the conduct described below constitutes violations
27 of the Nevada Social Work Practice Act (NRS and NAC 641B). She acknowledges that
28 if this matter were to be taken to a disciplinary hearing before the BOARD, the following

1 allegations could be proven by substantial evidence and that by acknowledging the
2 same, she is subject to disciplinary action by the BOARD:

3 1. CORONELLA was licensed as a clinical social worker on or about June 11,
4 1999, and has continued to be licensed through the present day.

5 2. On or about May 7, 2003, while CORONELLA was a social worker for the
6 Lakes Crossing Center for the Mentally Disordered Offender ("Lakes
7 Crossing"), CORONELLA was assigned as a social worker to client MM. MM
8 was discharged from Lakes Crossing to Clark County Detention Center on or
9 about September 24, 2003. MM was ultimately discharged from Clark County
10 Detention Center to the Nevada Department of Corrections to serve a lengthy
11 prison sentence

12 3. After MM was discharged from Lakes Crossing, CORONELLA continued to
13 communicate with him. In or about November, 2004, CORONELLA
14 submitted an application to visit an inmate and described her relationship with
15 MM as "friend". CORONELLA then visited MM in prison on several
16 occasions. CORONELLA has accepted over 850 telephone calls from MM
17 while he has been in prison Finally, on or about February 5, 2005, while MM
18 was incarcerated, CORONELLA mailed MM six suggestive pictures of herself.
19 These pictures were confiscated by the prison administration. All of this
20 activity occurred within two (2) years of MM's discharge from Lakes Crossing
21 4. This conduct violated NAC 641B.205(13) which states that a licensee shall
22 not solicit or enter into a dual relationship with a client, intern or person who is
23 supervised by the licensee within 2 years after the termination of the
24 professional relationship, internship, or period of supervision.
25 5. This conduct also violated NAC 641B.200(6) which states that a licensee is
26 responsible for setting and maintaining professional boundaries with clients,
27 interns, and persons supervised by the licensee.

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6. That the foregoing facts constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 641B.400.

7. That pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 641B.430(3):

If the Board finds the person guilty as charged in the complaint it may by order:

a) Place the person on probation for a specified period or until further order of the board.

b) Administer to the person a public or private reprimand.

c) Limit the practice of the person to, or by exclusion of, one or more specified branches of social work.

d) Suspend the license of the person to practice social work for a specified period or until further order of the board.

e) Revoke the license of the person to practice social work.

f) Impose a fine of not more than \$5000, which must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the state general fund.

g) Require the person to pay all costs incurred by the board relating to the discipline of the person.

The Order of the Board may contain other terms, provisions or conditions, as the board deems proper and which are not inconsistent with law.

STIPULATED ADJUDICATION

CORONELLA stipulates that pursuant to the authority of NRS 641B.430(3), the BOARD will suspend her license to practice social work for two years. CORONELLA agrees to serve five (5) months of this suspension. After serving five (5) months of the suspension, the suspension will be stayed and CORONELLA will be placed on probation for the remaining nineteen (19) months. During this two-year disciplinary period, CORONELLA agrees to comply with the following conditions:

1. CORONELLA shall maintain her license number LSW 2755-C during the disciplinary period delineated in paragraph 3 herein below.

2. Within ninety (90) days of the approval and execution of this Consent Decree, CORONELLA shall pay the BOARD one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) in legal and investigative fees.

3. The period of suspension shall commence upon execution of this Consent Decree by the presiding member of the BOARD. After the suspension has been in effect for a minimum two-year time period, CORONELLA may apply for relief from

1 suspension to the BOARD. Upon application for relief from suspension CORONELLA
2 agrees to meet with the President of the BOARD or his/her designee, the Executive
3 Director and BOARD counsel and prove compliance with the Consent Decree.

4 4a. During the term of discipline, CORONELLA agrees to comply with the
5 following terms and conditions:

6 (i) Within 45 days of the effective date of the Consent Decree,
7 CORONELLA must complete a psychological evaluation showing her fitness to
8 practice social work from a forensic psychologist pre-approved by the Board.

9 (ii) A report from the psychologist showing that CORONELLA is fit to
10 practice social work must be filed with the Board within 90 days of the effective
11 date of the Consent Decree

12 (iii) CORONELLA agrees to comply with any and all recommendations
13 the forensic psychologist.

14 (iv) If the forensic psychologist's evaluation shows CORONELLA is
15 unfit to practice as a licensed clinical social worker, her probationary period will
16 not begin until CORONELLA submits a report from the forensic psychologist
17 which states she is fit to practice as a licensed clinical social worker.

18 b. CORONELLA shall obey all federal, state and local laws, insurance
19 company policies or contracts and orders of the BOARD, which are not
20 inconsistent with this Consent Decree, pertaining to the practice of social work in
21 this State. Any and all violations shall be reported by CORONELLA to the
22 BOARD in writing within seventy-two (72) hours.

23 c. CORONELLA is required to notify the BOARD in writing within seventy-
24 two (72) hours after any change in social work employment, including self-
25 employment, consulting or volunteering. Any notification of termination shall
26 contain a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding it.

27 d. CORONELLA shall notify her current employer and any future employer of
28 this Consent Decree while the Consent Decree is in force.

1 e. CORONELLA shall meet monthly with a BOARD approved licensed
2 clinical social worker who will consult with CORONELLA. During this period of
3 consultation, CORONELLA will submit a typed, behaviorally specific quarterly
4 report which has been reviewed, approved and signed by the consultant
5 regarding CORONELLA's counseling sessions. The consultant shall be
6 independent, with no prior business, professional or personal relationship with
7 the CORONELLA. Issues to be discussed in the monthly meeting and addressed
8 in the report to the Board must include:

9 (i) Boundaries and dual relationships;

10 (ii) Professional responsibilities to clients and staff; and

11 (iii) Use and misuse of power in client and staff relationships.

12 f. CORONELLA must attend at least six hours of continuing education pre-
13 approved by the Board on the issue of boundaries, dual relationships, and ethics,
14 and upon completion, submit a typed report to the BOARD regarding how the
15 education impacted CORONELLA.

16 g. After serving her five (5) month suspension, CORONELLA agrees that she
17 shall not engage in the independent private practice of clinical social work for the
18 next twelve (12) months. During this timeframe, she may only engage in the
19 clinical practice of social work in an agency setting.

20 h. CORONELLA agrees not to have any contact with Client MM while this
21 Consent Decree is in effect.

22 5. CORONELLA will be financially responsible for all requirements of this
23 Consent Decree, including the cost of the Board approved consultant and any
24 reasonable financial assessments by the Board for the cost of monitoring her
25 compliance or carrying out the provisions of this Consent Decree.

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VIOLATION OF TERMS OF CONSENT DECREE

CORONELLA understands that the BOARD may, upon thirty days notice to CORONELLA, convene a hearing for the limited purpose of establishing that she has, in fact, been in violation of the terms of this Consent Decree. If such a hearing results in a finding of a violation of this Consent Decree, the BOARD may impose any penalty upon CORONELLA authorized by NRS 641B.430(3) including, but not limited to, revocation of her license to practice social work in the State of Nevada.

In the event that a violation of the terms of the Consent Decree is alleged, CORONELLA agrees to surrender her license to the Executive Director, if the Executive Director so requests, and refrain from practicing social work until entry of a final order of the BOARD or a court of competent jurisdiction, whichever last occurs, regarding a potential violation. CORONELLA agrees to waive her right to appeal the substantive legal basis of the original disciplinary action, which is the basis for this Consent Decree. In the event an alleged violation of the Consent Decree is taken to hearing and the facts which constitute the violation are determined to be not proven, no disciplinary action shall be taken by the BOARD and the suspension previously ordered by the BOARD shall again be operative and in full force and effect.

ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD

This Consent Decree was presented and accepted by the BOARD with a recommendation for approval from the Attorney General's Office at its next meeting.

COMPLETE CONSENT DECREE

This Consent Decree embodies the entire agreement between the BOARD and CORONELLA. It may not be altered, amended, or modified without the express written consent of the parties.



DATED this 6 day of June, 2005.

By: 
ADRIANNE J. CORONELLA LCSW


AARON D. GRIGSBY, ESQ.

1 The foregoing Consent Decree between ADRIANNE J. CORONELLA and the
2 STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS in Case No.
3 G05-05 is approved as to form and content.

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5 BRIAN SANDOVAL
6 Attorney General

7 By:  7 
8 ROBERT F. BONY
9 Deputy Attorney General
10 Counsel to the State of Nevada
11 Board of Examiners for Social
12 Workers

ORDER

By a majority vote on the 8th day of July, 2005 the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers approved and adopted the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Consent Decree with ADRIANNE J. CORONELLA, LCSW.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE.

DATED this 8th day of July, 2005.

By: *Sharon Peterson*
SHARON ELLWOOD, MSW, LCSW, Presiding Officer

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