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April 1, 2005

Ronald Stanley
716 Lenstrom Friend Court
Baltimore, MD 21228

**RE: Final Order of Revocation of Alcohol and Drug Certification
Certificate Number: AC0345**

Dear Mr. Stanley:

Enclosed please find the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists Final Decision and Order in the above-referenced matter.

Sincerely,

Aileen Taylor
Administrator
Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

cc: Joanne Faber, Chairperson
Sherrai Hamm, Administrative Prosecutor
Timothy J. Paulus, Deputy Counsel
Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE STATE
RONALD A. STANLEY, CAC-AD * BOARD OF EXAMINERS
RESPONDENT * OF PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATE NUMBER: AC0345 * COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

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**FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE
TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR- ALCOHOL AND
DRUG**

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was issued a certificate to practice as a certified associate counselor-alcohol and drug in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally issued a certificate to practice as a certified associate counselor- alcohol and drug ("CAC-AD") on or about August 31, 2000.

2. At all times relevant to the charges herein, the Respondent was employed as an addictions therapist on a full time basis, at Second Genesis Inc. ("Second Genesis"). Second Genesis is an alcohol and drug outpatient and residential treatment facility headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Respondent worked primarily at Second Genesis's residential facility located in Annapolis, Maryland.

3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a counselor, on a part-time basis at Alcohol & Drug Program Management Inc ("ADPM") located Glen Burnie, Maryland.

4. In July 2003, the Board received information from the Director of Clinical Operation at Second Genesis that the Respondent had been terminated for

inappropriate and unprofessional behavior, including sexual misconduct with a female client.

5. On or about January 12, 2004, the Board received a complaint from the Clinical Director at ADPM. In his complaint, the Clinical Director informed the Board that the Respondent was terminated because he had been charged with a crime.

6. A subsequent investigation by the Board's revealed the following:

The Respondent's criminal conviction and conduct with Client A¹

7. On November 11, 2003, the Anne Arundel Police informed the Clinical Director at ADPM that a client (hereinafter Client A) reported that she had been assaulted by the Respondent.

8. The Clinical Director met with the Respondent later in the afternoon after speaking with the Anne Arundel Police.

9. The Respondent admitted to the Clinical Director that he had hugged Client A, but he indicated that Client A initiated the hug.

10. On or about December 19, 2003, the Respondent was terminated by ADPM after the Clinical Director was notified by the Anne Arundel Police Department that the Respondent was being criminally charged with sexual assault.

11. On January 28, 2004, the Respondent was charged in the District Court of Maryland for Anne Arundel County, with one count of Assault in the Second Degree, in violation of Md. Crim. L. Code Ann. §3-203 and one count of Sex Offense Fourth Degree, in violation of Md. Crim. L. Code Ann. § 3-308 (a copy of Statement of Charges and the Application for Statement of Charges dated January 28, 2004, in *State of*

¹ To ensure confidentiality, Client names are not set forth in this document.

Maryland v Ronald Arniz Stanley, are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A).

12. On June 16, 2004, the Respondent was found guilty by Judge Megan B. Johnson in the District Court for Anne Arundel County of one count of Sexual Assault in the Second Degree, in violation of Md. Crim. L. Code Ann. §3-203 and one count of Sex Offense Fourth Degree, in violation of Md. Crim. L. Code Ann. § 3-308.

13. Judge Johnson sentenced the Respondent to four (4) years incarceration, with all but six (6) months suspended. The Respondent was placed on supervised probation for two (2) years, ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment, and pay a fine in the amount of two hundred and five dollars (\$205). (A copy of the Probation/Supervision Order dated August 1, 2004, in *State of Maryland v Ronald Arniz Stanley*, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B).

14. On or about June 22, 2004, the Respondent appealed the District Court decision to Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County.

15. On September 1, 2004, the Respondent pled guilty before Judge Pamela North, in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, to one count of Assault in the Second Degree, in violation of Md. Crim. L. Code Ann. §3-203 (a copy of the docket entries in *State of Maryland v. Ronald Arniz Stanley*, case number K-04-1455CA, is attached hereto and incorporate herein as Exhibit C).

16. Judge North sentenced the Respondent to four (4) years incarceration with all but six (6) months suspended. The Respondent was ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation, undergo testing and treatment, have no contact with the victim, and pay a fine in the amount of two hundred and five dollars (\$205) (a copy of

the criminal hearing sheet dated September 1, 2004, in *State of Maryland v. Ronald Arniz Stanley*, case number K-04-1455CA, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit D).

The Respondent's Conduct with Client B

17. The Respondent was Client B's primary counselor at Second Genesis. Client B met with the Respondent at least two (2) times per week for group therapy.

18. On or about May 31, 2003, the Respondent approached Client B and asked Client B what was wrong with her. Client B told the Respondent that she was upset. The Respondent responded to Client B by telling her that she "needed some dick".

19. Client B and the Respondent went upstairs and engaged in sexual activity in a closet across from the vocational staff offices at Second Genesis. The Respondent told Client B not to tell anyone about their encounter.

20. The Respondent and Client engaged in sexual activity on other occasions following their first encounter in the closet.

21. In or around June 2003, the Respondent told Client B following a therapy session that "his dick gets hard every time that [Client B] is around".

22. On several occasions, the Respondent rubbed up against Client B or touched her on her arms or derriere.

23. On June 11, 2003, the Respondent was terminated by Second Genesis, after his employer learned of the Respondent's conduct with Client B.

The Respondent's 2002 Renewal Application

24. On or about September 15, 2003, the Respondent submitted a renewal application for the renewal period beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2004.²

25. On his renewal application, the Respondent checked "N" for no to the following questions:

2. (a) Has any State Licensing or Disciplinary Board or a comparable body in the Armed Service, denied your application for licensure, reinstatement or renewal, or taken any action against your license, including but not limited to reprimand, suspension, or revocation?

(b) Have you surrendered or failed to renew a license in any State?

8. Have the conditions of your employment been affected by any termination of employment, suspension, or probation for any reason related to your practice?

26. The Respondent did not provide truthful and correct answers to questions numbers 2a, 2b, and 8. (A copy of the Respondent's renewal application for the renewal period beginning December 31, 2002, is attached hereto and incorporated here in as Exhibit E).

27. The Respondent failed to mention on his renewal application for the renewal period beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2004 that on or about June 14, 2000, he was disciplined by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners ("the Social Work Board") as a Licensed Graduate Social Worker ("LGSW") with violating various provisions of the Maryland Social Board Act.³

² The Respondent did not file his application for renewal of his certificate on time.

³ The Respondent was originally licensed by the Social Work Board on June 18, 1998.

28. The Respondent failed to mention on his renewal application for the renewal period beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2004 that he entered into a Consent Order, on October 13, 2000, with the Social Work Board. The Social Work Board found that the Respondent violated Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 19-311 (5) Knowingly violates any provision of this title; (6) Engages in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work; (7) Violates the code of ethics adopted and published by the Board; Md. Regs. Code tit. 10, § 42.03.02.02 D - The licensee may not exploit relationships with client for personal advantage or satisfaction; and Md. Regs. Code tit. 10, § 42.03.02.02 C. The licensee may not engage in sexually intimate acts with clients.

29. Under the terms of the Consent Order, the Respondent was suspended for a period of one year with all but three (3) months stayed. Following the executed portion of his suspension period, the Respondent was placed on probation for at least a two (2) year period, required to undergo psychotherapy, take an ethics course and have a Board approved mentor (a copy of the Consent Order, dated October 13, 2000, *In the Matter of Ronald A. Stanley, Sr., LGSW, Before the State Board of Social Work Examiners*, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit F).

30. The Respondent failed to mention on his renewal application for the renewal period beginning January 31, 2003 and ending December 31, 2004 that he had allowed his social work license to lapse. The Respondent's Social work license lapsed on October 30, 2002.

31. The Respondent also failed to mention on his renewal application for the renewal period beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2004 that he was

terminated from his position as an addiction therapist with Second Genesis on July 11, 2003.

The Respondent's Waiver of Requirement Application for Certification as a CAC-AD.

32. On or about August 31, 2000, the Respondent filed with the Board his waiver of requirements application for certification as a CAC-AD.

33. The Respondent checked "Yes" to the following question in the additional information section of his waiver of requirements application for certification as a CAC-AD:

C. Has an investigation or charge ever been brought against you by any licensing or disciplinary board?

34. In his response to question C, the Respondent stated "Allegations were made and the investigation took place followed by a review committee" (A copy of the Respondent's waiver of requirement application for certification as a CAC-AD, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit G).

35. The Respondent's answer to question C was misleading and untruthful.

36. The Respondent failed to mention in his answer to question C that on June 22, 2000, the Maryland Social Work Board had charged him with violating the sections of the Maryland Board of Social Work Act that are described in paragraph 28. The Charges and Notice of Hearing Under the Maryland Social Work Act were mailed to the Respondent on or about June 22, 2000 (a copy of the Charges and Notice of Hearing Under the Maryland Social Work Act, dated June 22, 2000, *In the Matter of Ronald A. Stanley Sr., Before the State Board of Social Work Examiners* is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit H).

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent has violated H.O. § 17-313 (1), (4), (6), (12); and Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 58.03.09 A (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5); B (1); E (1) (a); and F (1), (2), (3) (a), (b), (c), and (d).

ORDER

ORDERED, that the certificate issued to Ronald A. Stanley to practice as a Certified Associate Counselor-Alcohol and Drug in the State of Maryland is hereby **REVOKED**; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a Certified Associate Counselor-Alcohol and Drug in the State of Maryland;

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall surrender to the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists the following items regarding certificate Number AC0345, within five (5) days upon receipt of said Order:

1. Wall certificate; and/or
2. Display certificate; and
3. Pocket certificate.

ORDERED, that this Final Order is a public document pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-601 et seq. (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.).

4/1/05
Date

Joanne Faber
Joanne Faber, M.Ed., LCPC, Chairperson
Maryland Board of Professional
Counselors and Therapists

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 17-315 (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.), you have a right to take a direct judicial appeal. A Petition for Judicial Review must be filed within thirty (30) days of your receipt of the Final Order of Revocation of Certificate to Practice as a Certified Associate Counselor - Alcohol and Drug shall be made as provided for judicial review of a final decision in the Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §§ 10-201 et seq. (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.), and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.



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