IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE

KAREN COOPER * BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

CERTIFICATE No.: AC1160 * COUNSELORS & THERAPISTS

• CASE No.: 2013-03

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ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION AND REINSTATING CERTIFICATE WITH PROBATIONARY TERMS

On November 25, 2014, Ms. Cooper ("Respondent") submitted a petition to the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board") requesting that the Board lift the suspension of her certificate, Certificate No. AC1160, initially set forth in a Consent Order dated September 19, 2014. The Consent Order provides that Respondent may petition to lift the suspension upon successful completion of the first 60 days of suspension and a hearing before the Board. Respondent has successfully completed the first 60 days of her suspension and a hearing was held before the Board on January 16, 2015. On January 16, 2015, the Board voted to lift the suspension and place the Respondent's certificate on immediate probation with terms as set forth below.

<u>ORDER</u>

It is this 13 day of March, 2015, by an affirmative vote of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, hereby:

ORDERED that the suspension of Ms. Cooper's certificate be LIFTED; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cooper's certificate be placed on immediate PROBATION for at
least TWO (2) YEARS; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cooper shall comply with all probationary terms and conditions set

forth in the Board's Consent Order dated September 19, 2014, signed by Respondent. That Consent Order is incorporated herein and attached hereto as Attachment A; and be it further,

ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board otherwise, may impose any other disciplinary sanctions that the Board may have imposed in this case, including additional probationary terms and conditions, reprimand, suspension, revocation and/or monetary penalty; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cooper shall bear any expenses associated with the Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

Date

3/2015

Carol Deel, P.H.D., LCPC, LCMFT Chair, Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists