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**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

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**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Bureau of Corporations and
Charitable Organizations**

v.

**Bridge to Recovery Foundation and/or
Christine Cocker, a/k/a, Christine Cocker
Hastings
Respondents**

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File No. 17-98-12376

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations ("Bureau"), by and through its undersigned prosecuting attorney, Michael J. Gennett and Bridge to Recovery Foundation and/or Christine Cocker, a/k/a, Christine Cocker Hastings ("Respondent"), stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned matter:

JURISDICTION

1. This matter is before the Secretary of the Commonwealth ("Secretary") pursuant to the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, Act of December 19, 1990, P.L. 1200, No. 202, *as amended* ("Act"), 10 P.S. §§ 162.1 *et. seq.*

2. At all relevant and material times, Respondent acted as a charitable organization as defined by the Act.

STIPULATED FACTS

3. Respondent's last known address on file with the Bureau is 190 Cranbourne Drive, Broomall, PA 19008.

4. Respondent is currently unregistered as a charitable organization as defined by the Act.

5. Respondent admits that the following allegations are true:

a. Respondent was unregistered in Pennsylvania from June 7, 2017 through July through the present during which time they received at a minimum, approximately \$45,126.38 in charitable contributions.

b. Respondent was not exempt from registration under 10 P.S. § 162.6(a)(8) since Respondent received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum as of May 8, 2017.

c. On or about January 13, 2016, a Cease and Desist Order was issued against Christine Cocker and Overdose Awareness Foundation, which still remains in effect.

d. On or about April 30, 2016, Cocker violated the Cease and Desist Order by continuing to operate as Overdose Awareness Foundation by organizing a fundraising event for soliciting and receiving donations.

e. On or about May 8, 2017 Respondent deposited \$22,301.00 to its bank account.

f. That deposit in fiscal year 2017 increased its total annual contributions to \$45,126.38.

g. As a result of that deposit, Respondent was required to register within thirty (30) days of May 8, 2017.

h. Respondent failed to register within thirty (30) days of May 8, 2017.

AGREED VIOLATIONS

6. Respondent admits and agrees that by engaging in the aforementioned activities, Respondent committed violations of the Act as follows:

a. Violating Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), in that Christine Cocker continued to solicit contributions in violation of an Order issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

b. Violating Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through actions that were not in accordance with Section 5(a), 10 P.S. § 162.5(a), by soliciting contributions in the absence of an approved registration beginning June 8, 2017 to present.

PROPOSED ORDER

7. The participants, intending to be legally bound, consent to issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:

a. Respondent violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. § 162.5(a), by Christine Cocker soliciting contributions in violation of an Order issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

b. Respondent violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through actions that were not in accordance with Section 5(a), 10 P.S. § 162.5(a), by soliciting contributions in the absence of an approved registration beginning June 8, 2017 to present.

ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

8. An **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE** of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) is levied upon Respondent. Respondent shall tender the full sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), with this executed Consent Agreement.

a. Payment shall be by **certified check, cashier's check, attorney's check, or U.S. Postal money order.**

b. The instrument of payment shall be made payable to the “Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” and shall be valid for a period of at least one hundred eighty (180) days.

c. Respondent agrees that payment will be made by one of the methods indicated in subparagraph (a) above and that payment by uncertified personal check, corporate check or cash will not be accepted.

CASE SETTLED AND DISCONTINUED

9. This case shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Secretary issuing an Order adopting this Consent Agreement and the Respondent’s successful completion of the requirements of this Order. However, nothing in this Consent Agreement and Order shall preclude the Prosecuting Attorney for the Bureau from filing charges or the Secretary from imposing disciplinary or corrective measures for violations or facts not contained in this Consent Agreement and Order.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTICE AND WAIVER OF HEARING

10. Respondent waives the filing of an Order to Show Cause in this matter. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and to the following rights related to the 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 Bureau; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.

AGREEMENT NOT BINDING ON OTHER PARTIES

11. This Consent Agreement is between the Bureau and Respondent only. It does not bind any other administrative or governmental entity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

including any other bureau within the Department of State. Except as otherwise noted, this Agreement is to have no legal effect if (a) the Office of General Counsel expresses an objection to the Agreement's form or legality and/or (b) unless and until the Secretary issues the stipulated Order.

EFFECT OF SECRETARY'S REJECTION

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

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

13. This Agreement contains the whole agreement between the parties; provided, however, that the captions printed in the various provisions of this agreement are for ease of reading only and are not to be interpreted as forming any part of this agreement. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever, concerning this Agreement.

AGREEMENT DOES NOT PREVENT REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES

14. The parties acknowledge that other federal, state, and/or local agencies may have jurisdiction over the activities of, or representations made by, Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, employees or independent contractors. Nothing in this Consent Agreement or the Order based upon this Consent Agreement shall preclude representatives of the Bureau from referring any information or data produced as a result of this matter to any federal, state, or local

agency or governmental unit having jurisdiction over the activities of Respondent or any officer, director, agent, employee or independent contractor of the Respondent.

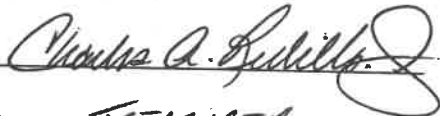
VERIFICATION OF FACTS AND STATEMENTS

15. 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.



Michael J. Gennett
Prosecuting Attorney
Department of State

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY FOUNDATION
Bridge To Recovery Foundation, and/or,
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Cocker Hastings
Respondent

By: 
Title: TREASURER

DATED: 18 JULY 2018

DATED: JULY 17, 2018



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ORDER

AND NOW, this 27th day of July 2018, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and the terms thereof are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as the Order of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, now issued in resolution of this matter.

THIS ORDER shall take effect immediately.

BY ORDER:



**Robert Torres
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth**

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