

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF

LABSWE COMPLAINT

KELANDA QUEZELDA RILEY

NUMBER 2006-30

LICENSE No. 5844

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS Kelanda Quezelda Riley is a credentialed social worker subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (the Board); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a complaint and an administrative investigation, the social worker, Kelanda Riley, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 907 of the Board's Rules, Standards and Procedures and LA R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, the social worker, Kelanda Riley, has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Riley is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Graduate Social Worker (GSW) credentialed by the Board to engage in the practice of Social Work in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Social Work Practice Act, LA R.S. 37:2701 et seq., as evidenced by Certificate No. 5844.
2. At all times pertinent hereto, Ms. Riley was actively engaged in the practice of Social Work as an employee of Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola.

3. That during the time period from April 2002 through May 20, 2005, Ms. Riley worked for Angola State Penitentiary as a social worker and saw clients for individual and group therapy, and was responsible for the Sexual Offender Program at Angola.
4. That Ms. Riley admitted to Craig Meier, Investigator for the Board, that she practiced Clinical Social Work at Angola State Penitentiary while in an impaired state.
5. That Ms. Riley admitted that she did not consistently take her prescribed medications.
6. That Ms. Riley admitted feelings of paranoia, feelings of persecution, depression, difficulty concentrating, staring at walls, blunted emotions, memory disruption and locking herself in offices to cry at her work place when she stopped taking her prescribed medications.
7. That Ms. Riley admitted that she "fell behind" in her documentation, failed to properly process test results and failed to consistently issue certificates to clients/inmates at designated times.

WHEREAS, by seeing clients of Angola State Penitentiary as a social worker during the time period from 2004 – April 2005 and practicing Social Work in an impaired condition due to mental health issues, Ms. Riley has violated her professional and ethical duty that a social worker shall not practice under a mental or physical condition that impairs the ability to safely practice as set out in Rule 117(A) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures for Louisiana social

workers, which constitutes unethical conduct and pursuant to Rule 105 is a violation of LA R.S.37:2717 (A)(5) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

WHEREAS, by failing to document her interventions and follow up on required documentation, Ms. Riley has violated her professional and ethical duty that a social worker shall make and maintain records, written or electronic, of services provided to a client.... as set out in Rule 111(G) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures for Louisiana social workers, which constitutes unethical conduct and pursuant to Rule 105 is a violation of LA R.S.37:2717 (A)(5) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

WHEREAS, the credentialed social worker has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order; and

WHEREAS the undersigned Assistant Attorney General has conducted an interview with the respondent who has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by LA R.S. 49:955(D), the Board orders and Kelanda Quezelda Riley accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:958:

1. That Ms. Riley's credential shall be suspended until her therapist and the Board's Impaired Professionals Program (IPP) manager, in consultation and approval of the Board, report she may return to practice Social Work.

2. That Ms. Riley shall be on probation for a period of three (3) years, beginning with the termination of her suspension, and that the terms of probation are set forth hereinafter.
3. That Ms. Riley shall be evaluated for enrollment in the Board's Impaired Professional Program (IPP) and follow all recommendations established by the Board-approved evaluator in a timely manner. Ms. Riley shall be financially responsible for all evaluations and services received via the IPP. Failure to follow the evaluator's recommendations in a timely manner or failure to abide by the rules of the IPP shall be viewed as a breach of this Agreement.
4. Ms. Riley shall receive therapy from a Board approved therapist at a frequency and duration established by the therapist and IPP manager. The therapist shall submit reports to the IPP manager regarding the status of treatment at a frequency identified by the IPP manager. Ms. Riley shall assume the financial responsibility of said therapy and reports.
5. Ms. Riley shall take her medications as prescribed. The compliance shall be monitored by her therapist and IPP manager.
6. Ms. Riley will pay the costs of investigation in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four and 01/100 dollars (\$1,744.01) within one (1) year all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
7. Ms. Riley specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of probation, including her satisfactory participation in the Board's Impaired Professional Program, if indicated, may result in additional suspension or

revocation of her credential. The admissions contained herein, will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of probation.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported, including but not limited to, the LABSWE Newsletter.

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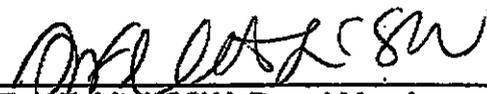
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Louisiana State Board of Social Work
Examiners has entered into this Consent Order and executed same at Baton
Rouge, Louisiana on this the 2nd day of December, 2005.


Joseph Bodenmiller, LCSW, Chair

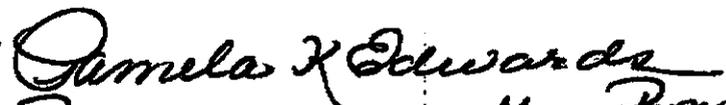

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I, Kelanda Quezelda Riley, GSW, do hereby acknowledge, accept and agree to entry of the above Consent Agreement and Order. My signature acknowledges my understanding that this Consent Agreement and Order is a final decision of the Board and is a public record which evidences the resolution of Complaint No. 2006-30. I hereby waive any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedures Act, and the statutory and procedural rules of the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners.

Kelanda Quezelda Riley 11/30/05
Kelanda Quezelda Riley Date

I, Charles F. Perry, Assistant Attorney General, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which the social worker, Kelanda Quezelda Riley, could be charged under Complaint No. 2006-30; and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

Charles F. Perry 11/30/05
Charles F. Perry Assistant Attorney General Date