

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS (LABSWE)**

**IN THE MATTER OF
DEE ANN MURPHY
LICENSE No. 3583**

**LABSWE COMPLAINT
NUMBER 2007-63**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS Dee Ann Murphy 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, Dee Ann Murphy, 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, Dee Ann Murphy, has admitted the following:

1. Dee Ann Murphy is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) 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 License No. 3583.

2. At all times pertinent hereto, Dee Ann Murphy was actively engaged on a part-time basis, in the practice of social work as an employee of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
3. That in 2005, Dee Ann Murphy, monitored group therapy sessions at the facility.
4. That in 2005, KC, was a mental patient at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.
5. That as part of her treatment, KC was involved in group therapy sessions monitored by Ms. Murphy, as evidenced by KC's medical records.
6. That Ms. Murphy purchased gifts for KC after KC was released from Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.
7. That Ms. Murphy accompanied KC to court proceedings against KC's spouse.
8. That Ms. Murphy calls KC at her residence occasionally.

WHEREAS, by becoming personally involved with a client, above and beyond her professional role as a social worker, Dee Ann Murphy violated her professional and ethical duty as a social worker to avoid dual relationships as set out in Rule 113B(1) and Rule 113B(2) 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. 37:2717A(11) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

WHEREAS, by purchasing gifts for a client, Dee Ann Murphy violated her professional and ethical duty as a social worker to avoid exploitation of a client as set out in Rule 113A(7) which prohibits giving or exchanging

Inappropriate gifts, gratuitous services, or personal items between the social worker and the client..., which constitutes unethical conduct and pursuant to Rule 105 is a violation of LA R.S. 37:2717A(11) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

WHEREAS, by advising the investigator that he will find no records to indicate Dee Ann Murphy was a social worker for KC, Ms. Murphy violated her professional and ethical duty that all social workers shall cooperate with a social work board investigation of any social worker, which constitutes a violation of Rule 117C of the Rules, Standards and Procedures for Louisiana social workers and pursuant to Rule 105 is a violation of LA R.S. 37:2717A(5) of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.

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; and

WHEREAS, the credentialed social worker 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 Dee Ann Murphy accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:958:

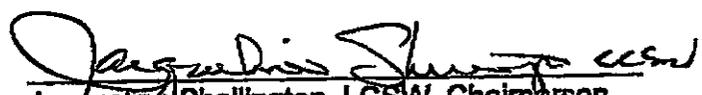
1. Dee Ann Murphy shall receive a public reprimand.
2. Dee Ann Murphy shall complete twelve (12) months of one (1) hour/month of supervision by a LCSW-BACS pre-approved by the board.

3. Dee Ann Murphy shall complete five (5) continuing education hours in ethics that have been pre-approved by the board.
4. Dee Ann Murphy shall pay the costs of investigation in the amount of \$1,440.00 within one (1) year from when all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payments shall be made quarterly. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
5. Dee Ann Murphy specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, may result in a hearing where the Board may impose additional penalties, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of her license. The admissions contained herein, will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced section of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order shall 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 Agreement and Order and executed
same at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on this the 2nd day of
November, 2007.


Jacqueline Shellington, LCSW, Chairperson


Tina Feldt, LCSW, Vice-Chairperson


Lola Coleman, LCSW, Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn Richardson, GSW, Board Member


Michael Hickerson, RSW, Board Member

I, Dee Ann Murphy makes these acknowledgments and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint #2007-63 by Consent Agreement and Order "Order" pursuant to La. R.S. §49:955(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consents to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinafter and further waiving any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize Tina Feldt designated by the Board with respect hereto, as well as the legal counsel assisting her, to present this Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. §49:960. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the Board by Tina Feldt or her legal counsel shall be without prejudice to the Assistant Attorney General's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the Board approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Order will become a matter of public record.


Dee Ann Murphy

10/31/07
Date

I, Charles Braud, 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, Dee Ann Murphy, could be charged under Complaint No. 2007-63; 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 Braud
Assistant Attorney General

10/31/07
Date