

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**LABSWE COMPLAINT**

**STACY HILLESTAD**

**NUMBER 2010-86**

**CERTIFICATE NO. 5209**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Stacy Hillestad 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, Stacy Hillestad, 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, Stacy Hillestad, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, Stacy Hillestad, (Ms. Hillestad) is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a Graduate Social Worker (GSW), certified 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. 5209.
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, Ms. Hillestad was actively engaged in the practice of social work.

3. Ms. Hillestad admits to practicing under a mental or physical condition that impaired her ability to safely practice.

**WHEREAS**, by practicing under a mental or physical condition that impaired her ability to safely practice, Ms. Hillestad has violated Rule 117(A) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures for Louisiana Social Workers, such conduct which is the cause for disciplinary action pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(5).

**WHEREAS**, by practicing under a mental or physical condition that impaired her ability to safely practice, Ms. Hillestad has practiced in a manner detrimental or potentially detrimental to the client, such conduct which is the cause for disciplinary action pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(7).

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

**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;

**WHEREAS**, the credentialed social worker agrees not to repeat the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order, and such repeated misconduct will be considered a violation of the terms of this 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 Ms. Hillestad accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:958:

1. That Ms. Hillestad's license shall be placed on probationary status for a period of two years from the date all parties sign this consent agreement and order.
2. That Ms. Hillestad shall be evaluated by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners' Impaired Professional Program (IPP), at her expense, within thirty (30) days from the signing of this agreement and follow all recommendations of the designated IPP evaluator in a timely manner.
3. Ms. Hillestad shall pay the investigative and legal costs associated with Complaint 2010-86 in the amount of \$1,405.62 within one (1) year that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payments shall be made on a quarterly basis with the first payment due within thirty days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
4. Ms. Hillestad specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in a 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.
5. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Hillestad waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

**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, the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), and the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB).

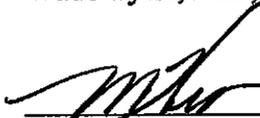
**THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN** are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the Board involving Respondent.

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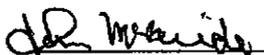
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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Baton Rouge,  
Louisiana on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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Wade Tyler, PhD, LCSW, Chair

  
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Michael Hickerson, RSW, Vice-Chair

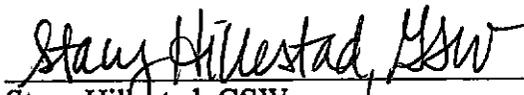
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Roslyn Richardson, PhD, GSW, Secretary-Treasurer

  
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John McBride, LCSW, Board Member

  
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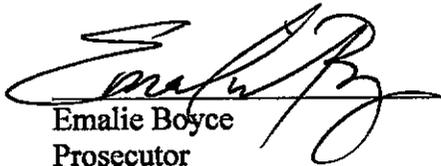
  
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Hope Hines-Benson, LCSW, Board Member

I, Stacy Hillestad, GSW, make these acknowledgments and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint #2010-86 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 consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive 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 John McBride, LCSW, designated by the Board with respect hereto, as well as the legal counsel assisting him, 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 John McBride, LCSW, or his 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.

  
Stacy Hillestad, GSW

  
Date

I, Emalie Boyce, Prosecutor, 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, Stacy Hillestad, could be charged under Complaint No. 2010-86; 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.

  
Emalie Boyce  
Prosecutor

  
Date

**Addendum to Consent Agreement and Order Resolving  
Complaint Number 2010-86**

In addition to the terms outlined in the original Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Hillestad agrees to complete one (1) hour of supervision of her social work practice per month for a period of two years by a Board Approved Clinical Supervisor (BACS) pre-approved by the Board. Ms. Hillestad shall submit to the Board the name of the potential supervisor and his/her resume within fifteen (15) days of such time as Ms. Hillestad resumes practice of social work. The potential supervisor shall submit a letter to the Board stating that he/she is not, or previously has not been, professionally or personally affiliated with Ms. Hillestad prior to this request for supervision. The supervisor shall submit quarterly supervision reports to the Board documenting dates met for supervision, topics addressed and progress made in supervision. Ms. Hillestad is responsible for all costs associated with this supervision.

I agree to this addendum to the Consent Agreement and Order.

Stacy Hillestad, GSW      4/16/10

Stacy Hillestad, GSW  
Respondent

Date

Emalie Boyce

Emalie Boyce  
Prosecutor

4/16/10  
Date