

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
TIFFANY CHANEY  
LICENSE NO. 10337**

**LABSWE COMPLAINT  
NUMBER 2010-21**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Tiffany Chaney 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, Tiffany Chaney, 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, Tiffany Chaney, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, Tiffany Chaney, (Ms. Chaney) is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a Registered Social Worker (RSW), whose license is currently lapsed in renewal. Ms. Chaney is registered 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. 10337.

2. Ms. Chaney entered into a Participation Agreement for the Impaired Professional Program on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, pursuant to a Consent Agreement and Order resolving Complaint Number 2007-30.
3. In light of her decision to enter into such a Participation Agreement, the Board agreed to issue Ms. Chaney's social work credential.
4. Upon facts and information received by the Board from the Impaired Professional Program, the Board suspected non-compliance with the Participation Agreement.
5. On September 1, 2009, Craig Meier, Complaint Investigation Officer for the Board, contacted Ms. Chaney in order to schedule a day and time to discuss compliance with the Participation Agreement. A meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2009. Ms. Chaney did not attend the scheduled meeting, and did not contact Mr. Meier. Mr. Meier called her to request a rescheduling on September 8, 2009 and received no response.
6. Mr. Meier left two messages on September 9, 2009, requesting Ms. Chaney reschedule and received no response.
7. Again, on September 14, 2009, Mr. Meier contacted Ms. Chaney in order to reschedule a day and time to discuss compliance with the Participation Agreement. A meeting was scheduled for September 21, 2009. Ms. Chaney did not attend the scheduled meeting, and did not contact Mr. Meier.

**WHEREAS**, by failing to comply with the rules, recommendations and conditions of the Impaired Professional Program, Ms. Chaney has violated the terms of the Participation Agreement, which was a condition of the Consent Agreement she voluntarily entered into before the Board on August 18, 2007. Pursuant to Rule 705(A)(11), notification of the violation of the terms or conditions of participation in the Impaired Professional Program pursuant to a Consent Agreement may result in the immediate suspension of the individual's social work credential.

**WHEREAS**, by repeatedly scheduling appointments with the Complaint Investigation Officer for the Board and failing to participate in such appointments, Ms. Chaney has violated her obligation to cooperate with a social work board investigation as set forth in Rule 117(C) 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**, 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. Chaney accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the La. R.S. 49:958:

1. Ms. Chaney's credential shall be suspended until such time as she becomes **compliant** complaint with the Participation Agreement.
2. Ms. Chaney's credential shall be cancelled on March 1, 2010 if she does not renew her registration.
3. Ms. Chaney shall pay the investigative and legal costs associated with Complaint 2010-21 in the amount of \$765.74 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 ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
4. Ms. Chaney 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. Chaney 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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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

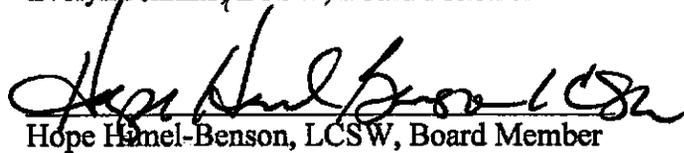
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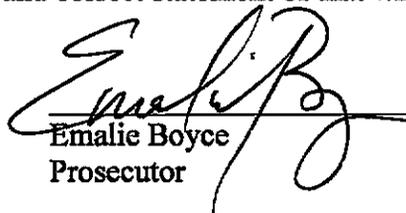
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Hope Hamel-Benson, LCSW, Board Member

I, Tiffany Chaney, RSW, make these acknowledgments and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint #2010-21 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 Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW, 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 Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW 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.

  
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Tiffany Chaney, RSW

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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, Tiffany Chaney, RSW, could be charged under Complaint No. 2010-21; 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.

  
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Emalie Boyce  
Prosecutor

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