

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF
MARJORIE B. SZERLIP
LICENSE NO. 3221**

**LABSWE COMPLAINT
NUMBER 2010-120**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Marjorie Szerlip 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, Marjorie Szerlip, 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, Marjorie Szerlip, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, Marjorie Szerlip, (Ms. Szerlip) is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Board Approved Clinical Supervisor (BACS), 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 license number 3221.
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, Ms. Szerlip was actively engaged in the practice of social work.

3. Ms. Szerlip admits to having difficulty with a prescribed medication, more specifically, that the need to adjust her dosage affected her organization and effective management of her workload.

WHEREAS, by practicing while having difficulty with her medication dosage, Ms. Szerlip 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. Szerlip 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. Szerlip accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. That Ms. Szerlip shall be placed on probation for a period of one year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
2. That Ms. Szerlip 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. The IPP evaluator will be directed to recommend whether Ms. Szerlip's treatment should include supervision. If supervision is recommended, the IPP Program Manager will provide the details of such supervision in writing to both Ms. Szerlip and the Board. The supervisor shall be approved by the IPP Program Manager and shall submit progress reports to the IPP Program Manager as agreed upon after Ms. Szerlip is evaluated. Ms. Szerlip will be responsible for all costs associated with any supervision. Any supervision recommended by the IPP evaluator will not be required unless and until Ms. Szerlip is practicing social work, and is not to exceed 2 hour(s) per month for a period of 12 months.
4. Ms. Szerlip shall pay the investigative and legal costs associated with Complaint 2010-120 in the amount of \$1,426.76 within two (2) years 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.

5. Ms. Szerlip 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.
6. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Szerlip waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

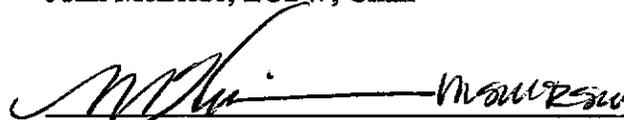
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported, including but not limited to, the LABSWE Newsletter, the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), and the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB).

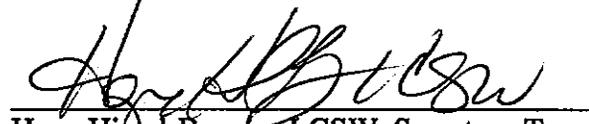
THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the Board involving Respondent.

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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 13th day of August, 2010.


John McBride, LCSW, Chair

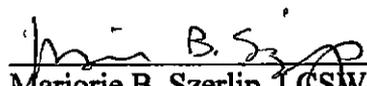

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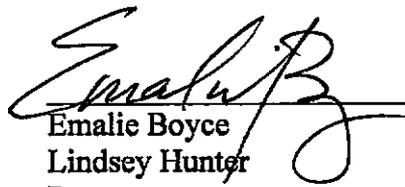

Wade Tyler, PhD, LCSW, Board Member

I, Marjorie B. Szerlip, LCSW, make these acknowledgments and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint No. 2010-120 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 Evelyn Jenkins, 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 Evelyn Jenkins, 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.


Marjorie B. Szerlip, LCSW

8/13/10
Date

I, Emalie Boyce or Lindsey Hunter, 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, Marjorie B. Szerlip, could be charged under Complaint No. 2010-120; 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
Lindsey Hunter
Prosecutor

8/13/10
Date