

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

LABSWE COMPLAINT

ALLISON PRICE

NUMBER 2011-57

LICENSE NO. ~~9954~~ 9944

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Allison Price 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, Allison Price, 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, Allison Price, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, Allison Price, ("Ms. Price") is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW). Ms. Price is licensed 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. ~~9944~~⁵ 9944.
2. Ms. Price voluntarily entered into a Participation Agreement for the Impaired Professional Program (IPP) on September 29, 2009.

3. Upon facts and information received by the Board from the IPP Manager, Ms. Price was not in compliance with the terms of the Participation Agreement.
4. Such non-compliance includes missing check-in dates and testing, and absences from therapy.
5. Pursuant to Rule 705(A)(11), notification of the violation of the terms or conditions of participation in the IPP may result in the immediate suspension of the individual's social work credential.

WHEREAS, by failing to comply with the terms of the Participation Agreement Ms. Price entered into on September 29, 2009, Ms. Price's conduct is unprofessional or unethical conduct as defined in the rules and regulations of the Board. As set forth in Rule 705 and La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(11), such conduct is cause for disciplinary action by the Board.

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. Price accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. Ms. Price has requested that her credential be temporarily suspended. Ms. Price may request reinstatement of her license at anytime after one year. At that time, Ms. Price must send a letter to the board requesting the temporary suspension be lifted, such letter must include: (1) evidence that she has taken and passed the Board's open book exam no more than thirty days prior to the date of the letter; (2) a letter from a psychiatrist providing that Ms. Price is fit for duty; (3) a statement that she is willing and able to comply with the terms of the IPP, including a statement that she will contact the IPP Manager and make arrangements to sign a new participation agreement re-entering the IPP within thirty days of the Board granting the request to reinstate her license; and (4) payment of the costs associated with resolving Complaint 2011-57, as described below, in the amount of \$597.00.
2. The reinstatement of Ms. Price's license will not be granted unless and until Ms. Price sends a request for reinstatement meeting all of the requirements outlined above, and the Board has granted such request. Consistent with Rule 311, this suspension does not negate Ms. Price's responsibility and obligation to obtain twenty (20) hours of annual continuing education and pay any applicable licensure fees required to maintain her LMSW.

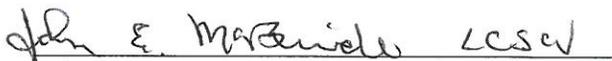
3. Ms. Price shall pay the investigative and legal costs associated with Complaint 2011-57 in the amount of \$597.00 at such time as she requests reinstatement of her license. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
4. Ms. Price specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent 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. Price waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

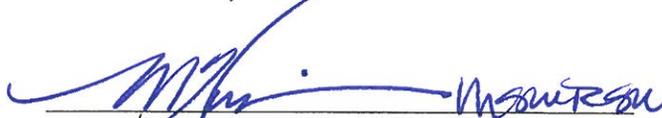
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported, including but not limited to, the 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 26th day of August, 2011.


John McBride, LCSW


Michael Hickerson, RSW


Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW


Evelyn Jenkins, LCSW


Lisa Lipsey, LCSW

I, Allison Price, LMSW, make these acknowledgments and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint #2011-57 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.

Allison Price LMSW 8/24/11
Allison Price, LMSW 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, Allison Price, LMSW, could be charged under Complaint No. 2011-57; 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 8/26/11
Emalie Boyce Date
Prosecutor