LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF **COMPLAINT NUMBER 2014-34**

PASSMORE FURUSA

REGISTRATION NO. 7783

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Passmore Furusa, ("Mr. Furusa") 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, Mr. Furusa has indicated his 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, Mr. Furusa, has admitted the following:

1. Mr. Furusa is a Registered Social Worker ("RSW"), 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. 7783.
2. The Board received information that Mr. Furusa was arrested on or about August 10, 2013, on charges of fourth offense DWI, driving on the right side of the road, and ignition interlock device.

3. Mr. Furusa renewed his registration with the Board on or about August 29, 2013.

4. The renewal application contains the following question: "Have you been charged with, convicted of, or did you plead guilty to or nolo contendere to violation of any state or federal, civil or criminal law? (Excludes minor traffic offenses.)" If the licensee responds yes to this question, a notarized detailed explanation must be attached to the renewal form.

5. Mr. Furusa responded no to this question.

WHEREAS, by failing to disclose required information to the Board on his renewal application, Mr. Furusa has obtained a registration by fraud or deception, which is cause for discipline pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(3)

WHEREAS, Mr. Furusa has indicated his desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

WHEREAS, the undersigned Assistant Attorney General has confirmed the respondent's 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 Mr. Furusa accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. Mr. Furusa shall submit to evaluation through the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners' Impaired Professional Program ("IPP"), at his expense, within thirty (30) days from the signing of this agreement, provide all information

requested for the evaluation and follow all treatment recommendations of the designated IPP evaluator in a timely manner.

2. Mr. Furusa shall pay all legal costs associated with Complaint No. 2014-34 in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THREE DOLLARS AND 75/100 ($443.75) within two (2) years from the date 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.
3. As authorized by La. R.S. 37:2717(B)(5), Mr. Furusa shall pay a fine in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500) within two (2) years from the day all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. Mr. Furusa specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may result in a denial, revocation, or suspension of any license, certificate, or registration issued by, or applied for, in accordance with La. R.S. 37:2717.

Waiver of Rights. Licensee is aware that he has the right to consult with an attorney of his choice and understands he has the right to an administrative hearing on the facts in this case. He understands and agrees that by signing this Agreement, he is waiving his rights to a hearing. Further, he understands and agrees that he is relieving the prosecutor of any burden it has of proving the facts admitted above. Licensee further understands and agrees that by signing this Agreement he is voluntarily and knowingly

giving up his right to present oral and documentary evidence, to present rebuttal evidence, to cross-examine witnesses against him, and to appeal the Board's decision.

Effect of Non Acceptance of Agreement. Licensee and the prosecutor agree that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. They agree that, if the Board rejects this agreement, it will be void, and an Administrative Complaint may be filed. If this agreement is rejected by the Board, it will not constitute a waiver of licensee's right to a hearing on the matters alleged in an administrative complaint and the admissions contained herein will have no effect. Licensee agrees that, if the Board rejects this agreement, the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and its consideration of this agreement shall not alone be grounds for claiming that the Board is biased against him/her, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received ex parte communication.

Address of Board. All payments ordered and any reports required by this Consent Agreement and Order shall be addressed to: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Agreement and Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board and is a public record of the Board. 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 prosecutor acknowledges negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which the social worker could be charged under Complaint 2014-34, and further certifies 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.

DATED: 5/23/14

Emalie Boyce
Assistant Attorney General
Prosecutor

I, Passmore Furusa, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I specifically acknowledge that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in revocation or suspension of my 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.

DATED: 5-8-14

Passmore Furusa, RSW

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 8 day or May, 2014, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Notary Public 19656
Print Name: Karl E Krause
My commission expires:
With Life

ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2014-34, adopted the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter.

DATED this 23rd **day of** May **, 2014** in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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