

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF

COMPLAINT NUMBER 2014-11

DEMETRICE HUGHES DIXON

CERTIFICATION NO. 11371

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Demetrice Hughes Dixon, (“Ms. Dixon”) 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, Ms. Dixon 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, Ms. Dixon, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, Ms. Dixon, is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a Certified Social Worker (“CSW”), 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. 11371.

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2. At all times pertinent to the matters alleged herein, Ms. Dixon was engaged in the practice of social work, employed with Greenpath International, Inc. and Essential Care Services in New Orleans, Louisiana.
3. On or about September 8, 2011, through and including February 15, 2012, Ms. Dixon knowingly presented for payment false or fraudulent claims of furnishing services with the intent to defraud the state through the Medicaid assistance program.
4. La. R.S. 14:70.1 defines the crime of Medicaid fraud as “the act of any person, who, with intent to defraud the state through any medical assistance program created under the federal Social Security Act and administered by the Department of Health and Hospitals: (1) Presents for allowance or payment any false or fraudulent claim for furnishing services or merchandise; or (2) Knowingly submits false information for the purpose of obtaining greater compensation than that to which he is legally entitled for furnishing services or merchandise; or (3) Knowingly submits false information for the purpose of obtaining authorization for furnishing services or merchandise.”
5. On or about April 8, 2014, Ms. Dixon pled guilty to one count of Medicaid Fraud, La. R.S. 14:70.1.

WHEREAS, by pleading guilty to Medicaid fraud, La. R.S. 14:70.1, the Board has the power to revoke or suspend the license of Ms. Dixon, or otherwise discipline Ms. Dixon, as established by La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(1);

WHEREAS, by the actions described above, and by pleading guilty to Medicaid fraud, La. R.S. 14:70.1, Ms. Dixon has deceived or defrauded the public by making, submitting or causing to be submitted any false or deceptive claims, reports, charges, assessments, or opinions regarding any client or service provided to any client, insurance company, health care provider, third-party payor, company, individual or any governmental agency for the purpose of obtaining payment or anything of economic value, such conduct which is cause for disciplinary action by the Board, as established by La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(10);

WHEREAS, by the actions described above, and by pleading guilty to Medicaid fraud, La. R.S. 14:70.1, Ms. Dixon has failed to maintain the qualification of good moral character, which is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(12).

WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon has indicated her 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 Ms. Dixon accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. Ms. Dixon's certification will be revoked for a period of five (5) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

2. If, at the end of the five year period, Ms. Dixon wishes to apply for licensure, she shall be required to meet any requirements a new applicant would have to meet for licensure, as described in the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures.
3. Ms. Dixon shall pay a fine for the above-referenced violations in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) prior to reapplication for a social work credential. Such fine is authorized by La. R.S. 37:2717(B)(5). Installment payments by certified check, money order or credit card are allowable. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
4. Ms. Dixon shall pay the legal costs associated with Complaint 2014-11 in the amount of two hundred and seventy five dollars (\$275.00) prior to reapplication for a social work credential. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
5. In the event of reinstatement, the Board reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to place restrictions on Ms. Dixon's practice of social work.

Waiver of Rights. Licensee is aware that she has the right to consult with an attorney of her choice and understands she has the right to an administrative hearing on the facts in this case. She understands and agrees that by signing this Agreement, she is waiving her rights to a hearing. Further, she understands and agrees that she 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 she is voluntarily and knowingly

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

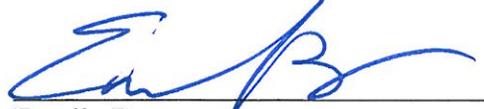
Effect of Non Acceptance of Agreement. Licensee and the prosecutor agree that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. They agree that, if the Board rejects this agreement, it will be void, and an Administrative Complaint may be filed. If this agreement is rejected by 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).

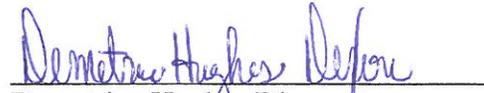
The prosecutor acknowledges negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which the social worker could be charged under Complaint 2014-11, and further certifies that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint, and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

DATED: 7-31-14


Emalie Boyce
Assistant Attorney General
Prosecutor

I, Demetrice Hughes Dixon, 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: 7-15-14


Demetrice Hughes Dixon

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15th day or
July, 2014, at Marrero, Louisiana.


Notary Public
Print Name: ERIKA LINER
My commission expires: at death

ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2014-11, adopted the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter.

DATED this 1st day of August, 2014 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
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