LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF **COMPLAINT NUMBER 2014-99**

DOUGLAS FREEMAN

LICENSE NO. 9929

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSE

This **STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSE** is made and executed by Douglas Freeman ("Mr. Freeman") who, at all times pertinent, has been 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. 9929.

1. **Acknowledgement and Stipulations.** Mr. Freeman hereby acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that:

    a. **Investigation.** The Board received a self-report of hospitalization from Mr. Freeman on February 10, 2014.

    b. **Administrative Action.** The Board referred Mr. Freeman to the Impaired Professional Program. He signed releases for the IPP Manager to receive his treatment records. The IPP Manager reviewed his records and recommended he participate in an intensive outpatient program and enter into a Participation Agreement with the IPP imposing specific requirements.

c. **Mr. Freeman's Response.** Mr. Freeman wrote to the Board on April 11, 2014, indicating that he had resigned from his employment providing social work services. Among other concerns, his response indicated that he could not comply with the financial and time constraints of the IPP.

d. **Rights to Due Process.** Mr. Freeman acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to thoroughly review the content of this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Social Work License and that he has been fully informed of his rights to due process in connection with the pending administrative charges and that prior to final disciplinary action against his social work license he would be entitled to have notice of a hearing on the allegations and charges asserted against him and to have an administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time, Mr. Freeman would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955-965.

2. **Voluntary Surrender of License.** Notwithstanding his right to an administrative hearing and a decision thereon as provided by La. R.S. 49:955-965, in recognition of the stipulations set forth herein above and for the final disposition of the administrative complaint, Mr. Freeman, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to a formal adjudication and hereby voluntarily surrenders to the Board, for cancellation, his license to practice social work in the state of Louisiana as evidenced by license number 9929. By his subscription hereto, Mr. Freeman also

hereby authorizes the Prosecutor for the Board to present this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Social Work License to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:960.

3. **Effect of Voluntary Surrender of License.** Mr. Freeman acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that the voluntary surrender of his social work license effected herein shall have, and shall be deemed by the Board to have, the same effect as if the Board had entered an order for revocation upon the conclusion of formal administrative proceedings. Mr. Freeman further acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that, in the event of reinstatement, the Board reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to place restrictions on Mr. Freeman's practice.
4. **Termination of Proceedings.** By the voluntary surrender of his social work practice, Mr. Freeman acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to Louisiana's Administrative Procedure Act or to which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest his agreement to, or the force and effect of, this document in any court relating to the matters referred to herein.
5. **Advice of Counsel.** Mr. Freeman acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to his Stipulation.
6. **Public Record.** Mr. Freeman acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Social Work License shall be deemed to be a public record. The terms of this Stipulation and Agreement for

Voluntary Surrender of Social Work License 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).

STIPULATION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I, Douglas Freeman, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept, stipulate, agree and consent to entry of the above Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Social Work.

DATED: 07.31.2014

Douglas Freeman

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 31 day or July, 2014, at New Iberia, Louisiana.

Angel Delcambre
Notary Public #59497
Print Name: Angel Delcambre
My commission expires:
at my death

ANGEL DELCAMBRE NOTARY ID NO. 59497 NOTARY PUBLIC IBERIA, LA.

ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Social Work License, Case No. 2014-99, adopted the Stipulation in this matter.

DATED this 5th **day of** September **2014** in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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