

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

COMPLAINT NUMBER 2017-29 CW 2017-32

CHER BROUSSARD

LICENSE NO. 11152

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Cher Broussard, (“Ms. Broussard”) 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. Broussard. 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. Broussard has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Broussard is a Licensed Master Social Worker (“LMSW”), 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. 11152.
2. At the time of the facts and matters alleged herein, Ms. Broussard was engaged in the practice of social work through her employment as a mental health professional with Spectrum Rehab Services in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

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3. While employed at Spectrum Rehab Services from September 28, 2015 to September 15, 2016, Ms. Broussard was the primary counselor to a minor client.
4. With his biological mother/legal guardian's consent, Ms. Broussard provided counseling services to the client during late evening appointments and conducted counseling sessions with the client alone from 10:00 P.M. until 2:00 A.M. on numerous occasions.
5. Ms. Broussard facilitated unauthorized meetings, which included two late night sessions at a fast food restaurant, between the client and his biological father without the consent of his biological mother/legal guardian.

**WHEREAS**, by providing counseling services during late evening appointments and conducting counseling sessions with the client alone from 10:00 P.M. until 2:00 A.M. on numerous occasions, Ms. Broussard violated Rules 113(A)(5) and 113(B)(1), which is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(4), La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(5), La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(11).

**WHEREAS**, by permitting the client to meet with his biological father without the consent of his biological mother and legal guardian, Ms. Broussard violated La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(11).

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Broussard 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. Broussard accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. Ms. Broussard's license shall be on probation for two (2) years from the date that parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
2. Ms. Broussard shall restrict her practice working in agency setting and not remove clients from the agency setting or provide in home therapy for five (5) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
3. Ms. Broussard shall complete one (1) hour of supervision of her social work practice once a month for two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order by a LCSW-BACS pre-approved by the Board. Ms. Broussard shall submit to the Board the name of the potential supervisor and his/her resume within fifteen (15) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The potential supervisor shall submit a letter stating his/her acceptance of the provision of said supervision and stating he/she is not, nor previously been, professionally or personally affiliated with Ms. Broussard prior to this request for supervision. The supervisor shall submit quarterly supervision reports to the Board documenting dates met for supervision, topics addressed and progress made in supervision. Ms. Broussard shall be responsible for all costs associated with supervision.
4. Ms. Broussard shall complete a total of ten (10) hours of continuing education on the subject of dual relationships. These hours are to be pre-approved by the Board prior to completion. This continuing education is in addition to the annual hours of continuing education required to maintain her LMSW. Ms. Broussard shall provide the Board with

evidence of attendance within one (1) year after all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

5. Ms. Broussard shall pass the Board's Open Book Examination on the Social Work Practice Act and Rules, Standards & Procedures within ninety (90) days after the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. This exam is available on the Board's website at [www.labswe.org](http://www.labswe.org).
6. Ms. Broussard shall pay all investigation costs in the amount of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,131.00) and all legal costs in the amount of NINE HUNDREDDOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$900.00) associated with Complaint No. 2017-29 CW 2017-32 within one (1) year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty. Payments may be made with certified check, money order, or credit card. Personal checks are not accepted.
7. Ms. Broussard 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 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)

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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 2017-29 CW 2017- 32, 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: 10/27/17

Madeline Carbonette  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Prosecutor

I, Cher Broussard, 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: 9-28-2017

Cher Broussard  
Cher Broussard

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 28 day or Sept, 2017 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Scott D. Wilson  
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Notary Public  
Print Name: Scott D. Wilson  
My commission expires: for life

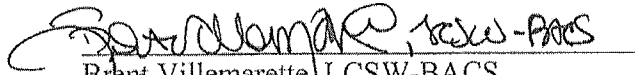
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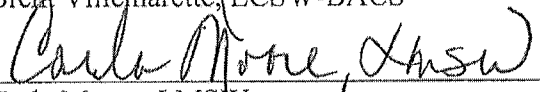
The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2017-29 CW 2017- 32, adopted the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter.

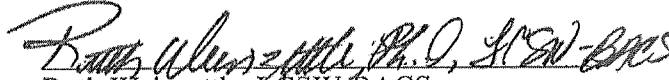
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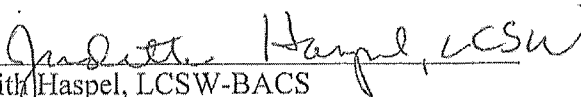
  
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