

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
MATTHEW MCGOLDRICK  
LICENSE NO. 17696**

**COMPLAINT NO. 2023-30**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Matthew McGoldrick (“Mr. McGoldrick”) is a credentialed social worker subject to the jurisdiction and the rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (“Board” or “LABSWE”);

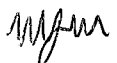
**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2022, the Board received a complaint about Mr. McGoldrick alleging that he engaged in unprofessional and/or unethical conduct, including: (1) failing to attend scheduled follow-up visits; (2) failing to accurately document client records; and (3) failing to register as a Registered Social Worker (“RSW”) before providing direct services as a case manager with a Bachelor’s degree;

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated September 21, 2022, the Board notified Mr. McGoldrick of the complaint filed against him, provided Mr. McGoldrick with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that Mr. McGoldrick, within fifteen (15) days, provide a written response giving his review of the allegations raised in the complaint;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McGoldrick responded to the complaint, giving his response to the allegations contained therein;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a complaint and an administrative investigation, Mr. McGoldrick has indicated his desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided

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for in Rule No. 907 of the Board's Rules, Standards and Procedures and La. R.S. 49:975(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

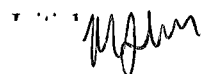
**WHEREAS**, Mr. McGoldrick has admitted to the following:

1. Mr. McGoldrick is currently 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 Number 17696.
2. Mr. McGoldrick was employed as a case manager/hospital responder with the New Orleans Office of Gun Violence Prevention from March 8, 2022, until August 19, 2022. During that time period, Mr. McGoldrick had a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and was a Master of Social Work student, but he had not registered as an RSW.
3. During his employment with the New Orleans Office of Gun Violence Prevention, Mr. McGoldrick documented that he had seen clients when he had not. On Friday, August 19, 2022, Mr. McGoldrick failed to provide scheduled follow-up visits at the University Medical Center, but documented that the visits were completed.
4. Mr. McGoldrick documented inaccurate client information.

**WHEREAS**, by: (1) failing to attend scheduled follow-up visits; (2) failing to accurately document client records; and (3) failing to register as a Registered Social Worker ("RSW") before providing direct services as a case manager with a Bachelor's degree, Mr. McGoldrick violated La. Admin. Code tit. 46:XXV §107(B), §111(G)(5), La. R.S. 37:2709, and La. R.S. 37:2720.

**WHEREAS**, undersigned counsel has confirmed Mr. McGoldrick desires to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McGoldrick agrees not to repeat the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order, and acknowledges that any further misconduct mentioned in this



Consent Agreement and Order will be considered a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and shall be cause for further disciplinary action;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McGoldrick recognizes his right to have an administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time Mr. McGoldrick would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on his 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 in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. Mr. McGoldrick nonetheless waives his right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. Mr. McGoldrick also acknowledges that he waives any rights to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which he otherwise may be afforded by any law, to contest his agreement to, or the force and effect of this Consent Agreement and Order, in any Court or other forum.


**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 49:975(D), the Board orders and Mr. McGoldrick accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977:

1. Upon commencement of his employment, the CSW license of Matthew McGoldrick to be engaged in the practice of social work in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by CSW license number 17696, shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of six (6) months. Accordingly, Mr. McGoldrick accepts and shall maintain strict compliance with the following terms and conditions.
2. During the probationary period of six (6) months beginning from the commencement of his employment, Mr. McGoldrick must be supervised by a Board-Approved Clinical



Supervisor (“BACS”) one (1) time per month for one (1) hour each month. The BACS must submit a written report on Mr. McGoldrick’s progress to the Board on a quarterly basis. This supervised work experience does not constitute supervised work experience towards meeting the requirement of La. R.S. 37:2708(A)(3).

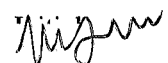
3. Mr. McGoldrick shall pass the Board’s Open Book Examination on the Social Work Practice Act and Rules, Standards & Procedures within three (3) months after the date the parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. Mr. McGoldrick shall complete a total of six (6) hours of continuing education on the subject of ethics. 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 his CSW. Mr. McGoldrick shall provide the Board with evidence of attendance within three (3) months after all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
5. Mr. McGoldrick shall reimburse legal costs associated with Complaint No. 2023-30 in the amount of SIX HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$697.50) within one (1) year 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. Payment shall be made by credit card, certified check, or money order.
6. Mr. McGoldrick shall pay a fine in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$187.50) within one (1) year 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. Payment shall be made by credit card, certified check, or money order.

7. Mr. McGoldrick 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.
8. Mr. McGoldrick shall report the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order to any board or agency located in the United States with which he is licensed or registered.
9. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Mr. McGoldrick waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

**Effect of Non-Acceptance of Agreement** Mr. McGoldrick acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. He further acknowledges and agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, it will be void, and an Administrative Complaint may be filed relative to the allegations contained herein. If this Consent Agreement and Order is rejected by the Board, it will not constitute a waiver of Mr. McGoldrick's right to a hearing on the matters alleged in an Administrative Complaint and the admissions contained herein will have no effect. He further agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, the members of the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and their consideration of this Consent Agreement and Order shall not alone be grounds for recusal of any member of the Board, including any claims that the Board is biased against him, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received ex parte communication.

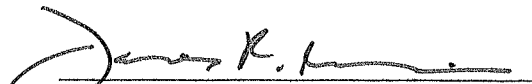


Address of Board. All payments ordered and any reports required by this Consent Agreement and Order shall be addressed to: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

**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 in, 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 2023-30, 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: 8/4/23

  
James Raines  
Prosecutor

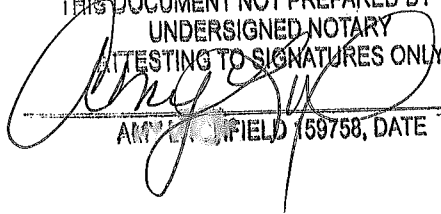
I, Matthew McGoldrick, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I specifically acknowledge that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in revocation or suspension of my license. The admissions contained herein will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order. I make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint No. 2023-30 by Consent Agreement and Order pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the

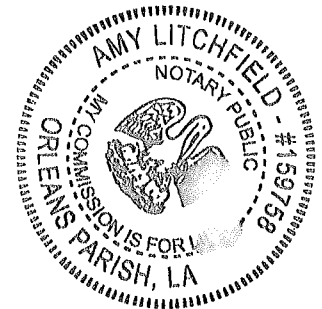


Order set forth above and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LABSWE for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LABSWE 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. 49:977.2. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LABSWE shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LABSWE's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LABSWE decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LABSWE approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

DATED: July 13, 2023

  
Matthew McGoldrick

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF JEFFERSON  
THIS DOCUMENT NOT PREPARED BY THE  
UNDERSIGNED NOTARY  
ATTESTING TO SIGNATURES ONLY  
  
AMY LITCHFIELD (59758), DATE 7/13/2023




**ORDER**

The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2023-30, adopted the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter.

DATED this 11 day of August, 2023, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Dr. Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS

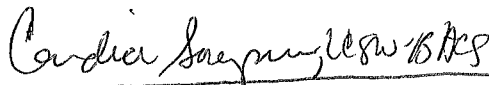
  
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