LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

COMPLAINT NUMBER 2021-66 CW 2021-72

JACQUELINE RICHARDS WOODS

LICENSE NO. 11322

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Woods ("Ms. Woods") 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. Woods 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. Woods has admitted the following:

- 1. Ms. Woods is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker-Board Approved Clinical Supervisor ("LCSW-BACS"), 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. 11322.
- 2. At the time of the facts and matters alleged herein, Ms. Woods was engaged in the practice of social work through her employment with Woman's Hospital located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 3. On or about November 5, 2020, Ms. Woods was selected for a random drug screen.
- 4. On or about November 5, 2020, Ms. Woods tested positive for benzoylecgonine-cocaine metabolite and ethanol.

Jacqueline Woods 2021-66 CW 2021-72 Initial 5. On or about November 12, 2020, Ms. Woods notified the Board office by email that she failed a random drug test and that her employment was terminated.

WHEREAS by practicing while impaired by medication, alcohol, drugs or other chemicals, Ms. Woods violated Rule 117(A) which is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(2).

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

- 1. Ms. Woods shall be evaluated by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners' Impaired Professional Program (IPP), at her expense within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Ms. Woods shall follow all recommendations of the designated IPP evaluator in a timely manner.
- 2. Ms. Woods shall not provide BACS supervision should it be determined that she enter the IPP and until such time that she successfully completes the terms of her participation in the IPP.
- 3. Ms. Woods shall pay all legal costs in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$450.00) within one (1) year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty. Payments shall be made with certified check, money order, or credit card. Personal checks and cash are not accepted.

4. Ms. Woods 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).

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 2021-66 CW 2021-72, 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: 13/21

Madeline Carbonette
Assistant Attorney General
Prosecutor

I, Jacqueline Woods, 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: 9/1/21

Jacqueline Woods

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The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2021-66 CW 2021-72 adopted the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter.

DATED this 17th day of September, 2021 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK **EXAMINERS**

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