LOUISISANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

COMPLAINT NO. 2024-73

KAYLA JOHNSON, APPLICANT

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The above captioned matter came before the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2705(C) and R.S. 37:2717 following receipt of an application from Kayla Johnson ("Applicant") for licensure as a Certified Social Worker/Licensed Master's Social Worker.

STIPULATIONS OF FACT

Applicant admits the following facts and agrees the admitted facts in this Consent Agreement are considered proven and uncontestable in any subsequent proceeding before the Board.

- 1. Applicant obtained a master's degree in social work on May 12, 2023.
- 2. Since May 12, 2023, Applicant has been employed in the capacity as Child Welfare Specialist II for the Department of Child and Family Services in which Applicant has engaged in social work practice in Louisiana as defined by La. R.S. 37:2703(14)(a) including but not limited to applying "social work values, theories, and interventions to one or more of the following: enhancing the development, problem-solving, and coping capacities of people; promoting the effective and humane operations of systems that provide resources and services to people; linking people with systems that provide them with resources, services, and opportunities; developing and improving social policy; and engaging in research related to the professional activities."
- 3. Applicant agrees the Board has jurisdiction over this matter and that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement constitutes grounds for the Board to revoke or deny any application for or renewal of any license, certificate, or registration issued by the Board.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicant understands that she waives the following rights by entering this Consent Agreement:

- 1. The right to an administrative hearing on the violations in the Cease and Desist Order and any subsequent violation occurring prior to the date of this Order at which he 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 violations, and to a decision by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusion of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act.
- 2. Any right to contest the terms of this Consent Agreement, in any subsequent proceeding before the Board or in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 3. Any right to recuse any Board member on the grounds of consideration of this Consent Agreement.

ORDER

Considering the foregoing admissions, waivers and the agreement of Applicant to comply with the terms of the following Order, the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") determines that the best interest of the public is served by resolution of this matter pursuant to the Consent Agreement;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board shall issue a Certified Social Work License and approval to take the ASWB Masters level examination to Kayla Johnson subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Receipt of the \$100 renewal fee set forth in La. R.S. 37:2716(A)(2)(c).
- 2. Within nine months of issuance of the CSW credential, Applicant shall: (a) pass the open book examination on the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Board's Rules; (b) provide documentation of completion of nine hours of pre-approved continuing education in social work ethics in addition to the continuing education hours required for renewal of the license; and (c) pay a fine of \$562.50.
- 3. Applicant shall provide documentation of completion of one hour of supervision per month by an LCSW for six months of practice. The supervising LCSW shall submit quarterly reports to the Board. Supervision pursuant to this Consent Agreement shall not be approved for credit toward supervised work experience required by La. R.S. 37:2708(A)(3).
- 4. If Applicant fails to successfully and timely complete all requirements set forth in the herein, the credential issued pursuant to this Order shall be **SUSPENDED** without further notice. The admissions herein, will be considered proven and the only issue to be considered will be failure to comply with this Order.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER shall be a public record. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order will be published and reported in the LABSWE Newsletter, on the Board's website, to the Association of Social Work Boards' Public Protection Database ("ASWB PPD"), and to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank ("NPDB-HIPDB"), if required.

Kayla Johnson hereby certifies she freely and voluntarily entered into this Consent Agreement with full knowledge and understanding of its terms and agrees to complete the requirements set forth in the Order.

Signed this day of Mec., , 202

Kayla Johnson

The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners approved the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order at its meeting held on October 25, 2024.

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

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Jamie, Barney, Vice-Chair

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