

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS****IN THE MATTER OF:****JULIANNE WARRINGTON, LISW,**

Respondent.

Case No.: SW-11-05-04

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a member of the New Mexico Board of Social Work Examiners' ("Board") Complaint Committee submitted a complaint to the Board alleging that Julianne Warrington, LISW ("Respondent") committed wrongdoing in her filing of a complaint with the Board against another social worker; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board found sufficient reason to vote to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action ("NCA") against Respondent; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCA issued in this matter concerned violations of the *Social Work Practice Act*, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-31-1 to -25, and the Rules of the Board, 16.4.1 NMAC (09/08/1996, as amended through 06/01/2009); and

**WHEREAS**, Respondent recognizes the seriousness of the Board's complaint and disciplinary processes, and recognizes the ethical and professional obligations set forth in the *Social Work Practice Act* and the Rules of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to resolve these matters in an amicable fashion without the need for a formal hearing and the time and expense involved in such a hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES STIPULATE AND AGREE AS**

**FOLLOWS:**

1. **Jurisdiction.** Respondent is licensed under the *Social Work Practice Act* and is

therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this action.

**2. Waivers.**

- a. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement and knowingly, intentionally, and voluntarily waives her right to a hearing and appeal provided by the *New Mexico Uniform Licensing Act*, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-1-1 to -31. This waiver includes, without limitation, Respondent's right to a full evidentiary hearing on the charges in the NCA, her right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and her right to appeal any decision of the Board following such a hearing.
- b. Respondent knowingly, intentionally, and voluntarily waives all rights to have this matter heard within the timeframe set by the *Uniform Licensing Act* so that the Board may review and take action regarding this Settlement Agreement.

**3. Action.** To resolve this matter, and if the Board accepts this Agreement,

Respondent agrees to submit to the following corrective and administrative action:

- a. Respondent shall pay a two-hundred-fifty dollar (\$250) fine to the Board within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's acceptance of this Agreement in an open public meeting; and
- b. As corrective action, Respondent shall successfully complete six credit hours of continuing education in Ethics within one-hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of the Board's acceptance of this Agreement in an open public meeting. The course comprising these hours must be approved by the

Chairperson of the Board. Respondent shall submit proof of completion of the course to the Board's Compliance Liaison within thirty (30) days after she completes the course. Any course that is completed pursuant to this Agreement will not count toward Respondent's continuing education requirements for licensure.

4. **Public Records.** The Complaint, Notice of Contemplated Action, and this Agreement in this action are public records within the meaning of the *Inspection of Public Records Act*, NMSA 1978, § 14-2-6(E) (2011).

5. **Reporting.** The allegations underlying this action do not relate to the licensure, certification, registration, or other authorization to provide health care services, or to a certification agreement or contract for participation in a government health care program. In particular, this action concerns cooperation with and the proper use of the Board's complaint process. There are no allegations in this action of any wrongdoing or negligence related to patient care. In addition, the actions taken under this settlement do not constitute disciplinary action, but rather corrective action and an administrative fine reflecting the costs of this proceeding. Therefore, this action will not be reported to the National Practitioners' Data Bank (NPDB) or the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

6. **Contingent on Board Approval.** This Agreement is subject to approval by the Board. If this agreement is rejected by the Board, this matter will be considered at a hearing on the merits at the time, date, and place noticed by the Board. If the Board rejects this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall not be used against Respondent in any future hearing before the Board.



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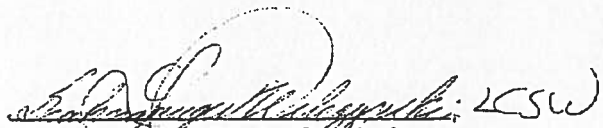
**ORDER**

This matter having come before the New Mexico Board of Social Work Examiners upon request of the parties for consideration of the foregoing Settlement Agreement and with a quorum present and voting in the affirmative, the foregoing Settlement Agreement is:

Accepted

Rejected

Date: January 4, 2017

  
Chairperson, New Mexico Board of  
Social Work Examiners