

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (LBESPA)**

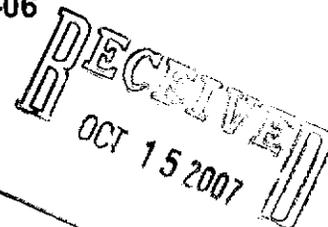
IN THE MATTER OF

LBESPA COMPLAINT

LEAH QUESNEL-BRUCE

NUMBER 2007-06

LICENSE No. 3095



CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came before The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter referred to as "Board") pursuant to a complaint filed by Sherry Mouton, Audiologist, at LSU Health Sciences Center (formerly University Hospital) in Lafayette, Louisiana,

WHEREAS, Ms. Quesnel-Bruce has held an Audiology license with hearing aid dispensing from March 18, 1991 to the present time.

WHEREAS, Leah Quesnel-Bruce, hereby admits the following findings of fact:

1. That during the time period from February 18, 1991 to January 8, 2007, Ms. Quesnel-Bruce worked as an audiologist for LSU Health Sciences Center (formerly University Hospital) in Lafayette, Louisiana.
2. That Ms. Quesnel-Bruce failed to maintain adequate records.
3. That Ms. Quesnel-Bruce submitted Charge Slips for services rendered to Medicaid/Medicare patients without providing supportive documentation in the patients' medical records.
4. That Ms. Quesnel-Bruce failed to respond in a timely manner in assisting patients in obtaining hearing aids and/or submitting checks/applications to the appropriate agency.

WHEREAS, by failing to maintain adequate records, Ms. Quesnel-Bruce has violated the code of ethics adopted and published by the board as identified in Rule 701(E)(1)(g) which states individuals shall maintain adequate records of professional services rendered and products dispensed...

WHEREAS, by submitting Charge Slips for services rendered to Medicaid/Medicare patients without providing supportive documentation in the patients' medical records, Ms. Quesnel-Bruce has violated the code of ethics adopted and published by the board as identified in: Rule 701(E)(4)(b) which states individuals shall not engage in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, harassment, or any form of conduct that adversely reflects on the professions or on the individual's fitness to serve persons professionally.

WHEREAS, by failing to respond in a timely manner in assisting patients in obtaining hearing aids and/or submitting checks/applications to the appropriate agency, Ms. Quesnel-Bruce has engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined by the rules established by the board, and has violated the code of ethics adopted and published by the board as set out in Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act LA R.S. 2662(A)(5) and LA R.S. 2662 (A)(6) by violating a lawful order, rule or regulation rendered or adopted by the board. Ms. Quesnel-Bruce also violated Rule 701 (E)(1) which states that Licensees shall honor their responsibility to hold paramount the welfare of persons they serve and provide professional services with honesty and compassion and shall respect the dignity, worth, and rights of those served.

WHEREAS, Ms. Quesnel-Bruce has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through this 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 Leah Quesnel-Bruce accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:958:

1. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Consent Agreement and Order, Licensee shall complete an open book examination regarding Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2650-2666, the Board's *Rules, Regulations and Procedures*, and Ethical Questions – Situations.
2. Licensee will pay the costs of investigation in the amount of \$981.28, and additional costs incurred by the Board in this matter of \$567.50 (court reporter on 08/03/2007, in the amount of \$147.50, as well services of Mr. Ryan Seidemann, Assistant Attorney General, in the amount of \$420.00 thus far), totaling **\$1,548.78** on or before six (6) months from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
3. Licensee agrees to complete five (5) hours of continuing education on the topics of billing and business practices. Continuing education activities must be pre-approved by the Board within 30 days of all parties signing this Consent Agreement and Order. Continuing Education hours must be successfully completed within six (6) months of the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. Licensee agrees to a Public Reprimand for violation of the above referenced sections in the Louisiana Revised Statutes; and Professional and Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology and Audiology.
5. Licensee agrees to publication of the Consent Order by LBESPA.
6. Licensee agrees to the report of this licensure concern being sent to ASHA, LSHA, SPALS, AAA, and HIPDB.
7. If Licensee **fails to successfully and timely complete** all requirements set forth above, Ms. Quesnel-Bruce's license shall be **SUSPENDED** without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of her completion of the requirements set forth above.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and has executed same at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on this 10th day of October, 2007.

The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

By: Glen M. Wagnon
Board Chair

Stephen J. Harro
Board Member

Bradley W. Baker
Board Member

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Board Member

Yvonne M. Fowler
Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Leah Quesnel-Bruce, Licensee, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Lafayette, Louisiana, on this 10th day of October, 2007.

Leah Quesnel-Bruce, M.A.
Leah Quesnel-Bruce, Licensee

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME 10/10/07
Patricia Delahoussaye
NOTARY PUBLIC TERM: FOR LIFE

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED



Patricia Delahoussaye
Notary Public
State of Louisiana
Notary # 13669
My Com. Is For Life