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

**IN THE MATTER OF
KAMI MELANCON-LANTIER**

**LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE
PREVIOUS LICENSE No. 4943**

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 administrative action upon receipt of an application for reinstatement of licensure.

WHEREAS, Ms. Melancon-Lantier held an Audiology license with hearing aid dispensing license beginning on August 12, 2002, but more particularly from August 5, 2005 through June 30, 2008. The license lapsed on June 30, 2008, due to non-renewal.

WHEREAS, Kami Melancon-Lantier, hereby admits the following findings of fact:

1. That during the time period from November 2008 through March 2009, Ms. Melancon-Lantier worked as an audiologist for Cajun Hearing Centers, without the benefit of a license.

2. That by practicing without a valid license she misrepresented herself as an Audiologist to the public during the time that she practiced without a license, clearly a misrepresentation of her credentials.

WHEREAS, by practicing without a valid license, Ms. Melancon-Lantier has engaged in unprofessional conduct which violates Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2662.A.5. Ms. Melancon-Lantier has also violated Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:2662.A.6. and Rule 701 4.G. by violating the rules adopted by the Board.

WHEREAS, by practicing without a valid license Ms. Melancon-Lantier misrepresented her credentials and has violated the Louisiana Administrative Code § 105 (B), as defined by the rules established by the board, or has violated the code of ethics adopted and published by the board as identified in: Rule 701(E)(3)(a) which states individuals shall not misrepresent their credentials, competence, education, training or experience; Rule 701 (E)(4)(b) which states individuals shall not engage in ...misrepresentation...or any form of conduct that adversely reflects on the professions or on the individual's fitness to serve persons professionally.

WHEREAS, Ms. Melancon-Lantier 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 Kami Melancon-Lantier 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 that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, Applicant shall complete an open book examination, and pay all related testing fees, regarding Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2650-2666, the Board's *Rules, Regulations and Procedures*, and Ethical Questions – Situations.

2. Applicant agrees to complete a 1,000 word essay on the importance of licensure and ethical behavior within ninety (90) days of the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. An outline must be submitted to the Board office for approval within thirty (30) days of the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

3. Applicant shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the Board within ninety (90) days of the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

4. If Applicant **fails to successfully and timely complete** all requirements set forth above, the Applicant's license shall be **SUSPENDED** without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of Applicant's completion of the requirements set forth above.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and the Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Licensee is to be Publicly Reprimanded for violation of the above referenced sections in the Practice Act (LA R.S. 37:2650 et seq.) and the Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Such reprimand shall include publication by LBESPA, notification to the Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), American Academy of Audiology (AAA), and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank.

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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 Lafayette, Louisiana on this 4th day of June, 2009.

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

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, Kami Melancon-Lantier, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Lafayette, Louisiana, on this 9th day of May, 2009.

Kami Melancon-Lantier
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NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

Mason Perrault 5/19/09

