

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

IN THE MATTER OF

LBESPA COMPLAINT

ANGELA DRIGGERS

#2013-07

LICENSE #4262

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Angela Driggers is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist subject to the jurisdiction and Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Board"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a complaint and an administrative investigation, the Speech-Language Pathologist, Angela Driggers (sometimes referred to as "Licensee), has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 501(H) of the Board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures and La. R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

WHEREAS, Angela Driggers has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Driggers is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Speech-Language Pathologist licensed by the Board to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the La. Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, La. R.S. 37:2650, *et seq.*, as evidenced by License No. 4262.

2. At all times pertinent hereto, Ms. Driggers was actively engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology at Tara Therapy at Ringgold Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
3. Ms. Driggers admitted to Suzanne Bourgeois, Complaint Investigation Officer, and further admits to the Board that she could not be certain that the times that she recorded as having seen patients were accurate, but that any inaccuracies in the time reporting were not intentional.

WHEREAS, the Board makes the following findings based upon the admissions above and upon investigation of the complaint:

1. By not properly documenting her time spent with patients and billing them accordingly, Angela Driggers engaged in conduct likely to harm the public and demonstrated a disregard for the welfare of consumers which is a violation of La. R.S. 37:2662(4). Such conduct is a violation of Rule 701(E)(1) of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures. which states that licensees shall hold paramount the welfare of persons served and to take all reasonable precautions to avoid harm.
2. By not maintaining proper time records for patients, Angela Driggers is in violation of Rule 701E(1)(g) of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures, which states that individuals shall maintain adequate records of professional services rendered.

WHEREAS, Angela Driggers denies the findings of the Board;

WHEREAS, Angela Driggers desires to enter into this Consent Agreement and Order, without admission of wrongdoing;

WHEREAS, the Board does not consider this Consent Agreement and Order to represent a determination of criminal liability nor does it consider this Consent Agreement and Order to be tantamount to a criminal conviction of the licensee;

WHEREAS, Angela Driggers hereby formally waives any and all legal, administrative, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Act, or any other law or statute;

WHEREAS, the Board is persuaded that it is in the best interest of the public to enter into this Consent Agreement and Order, the conditions of which are set forth hereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Angela Driggers have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Angela Driggers agrees to accept the following specified conditions in resolution of the complaint:

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 Angela Driggers 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 all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, Angela Driggers shall successfully complete an open book examination, and pay all related testing fees, regarding La. R.S. 37:2650-

2666 (The Practice Act); the Board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures; and Ethical Questions.

2. Angela Driggers shall pay a \$750.00 fine within eighteen (18) months from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
3. Angela Driggers shall pay the reasonable and documented legal and investigative costs and the Board's costs of counsel in this matter in an amount up to \$4,459.50 on or before eighteen (18) months from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. Angela Driggers shall complete and submit same to the Board, within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, an essay of no less than 1,000 words on the importance of maintaining accurate medical records.
5. Angela Driggers waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedure Act, the statutory and procedural rules of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and any other law or statute.
6. Angela Driggers specifically acknowledges that her failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order in a timely manner without LBESPA's authorization shall result in **SUSPENSION** of her license without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of her completion of the requirements set forth above. The admissions and findings contained herein shall be considered proven and

the only issue will be Angela Driggers' failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER is a matter of public record and that Angela Driggers is hereby publicly reprimanded for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, La. R.S. 37:2650 et seq., and the Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Board. Such public reprimand shall include publication of such by the Board, notification to the Department of Education, Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (LSHA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS), Early Steps and the National Practitioner 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 executed same at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on this the 9th day of August, 2014.

Glenn Waguespack
Glenn Waguespack, L-AUD, Chair

Kerrilyn Phillips
Kerrilyn Phillips, L-SLP, Vice Chair

Dawn Richard
Dawn Richard, L-SLP, Secretary-Treasurer

Stephen J. Harris
Stephen J. Harris, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member

Laura H. Gresham
Laura H. Gresham, Board Member

No longer a board member/oo
Brooke Normand, L-SLP, Board Member

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Angela Driggers, L-SLP, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Rush, Louisiana, on this 5 day of July, 2014.

Angela Driggers
Angela Driggers, L-SLP

[Signature]
Notary Public

Adrian K. G. P. IV
Per 2018

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED