

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
JAMI E. WILLIAMS**

**LBESPA ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLAINT #2016-02**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Jami E. Williams 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, Jami E. Williams, 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 Procedures Act; and

WHEREAS, Jami E. Williams has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Williams 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. 6615.
2. At all times pertinent hereto, Ms. Williams was actively engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology for Tristar Rehab Inc.

3. Ms. Williams documented and billed patient treatments that were not provided, specifically for two patients with video backup, and two patients without video backup.

WHEREAS, by not providing required services to patients, Jami E. Williams engaged in conduct likely to harm the public and demonstrated a willful disregard for the welfare of consumers which is a violation of LA R.S. 37:2662(4). Such conduct is a violation of Rule 701E(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.

WHEREAS, by charging for services not rendered, Jami E. Williams is in violation of Rule 701E(1)(i) of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures, which states that individuals shall not charge for services not rendered, nor shall they misrepresent, in any fashion, services rendered or products dispensed.

WHEREAS, by not maintaining accurate documentation for patients, Jami E. Williams 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, as well as in violation of Rule 701E(3)(d) of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures, which states that individuals shall not misrepresent diagnostic information, services rendered, or products dispensed, or engage in any scheme or maneuver to defraud in connection with obtaining payment or reimbursement for such services or product.

WHEREAS, Jami E. Williams engaged in unprofessional conduct which is a violation of LA R.S. 37:2662(5). Such conduct is also a violation of Rule 701E(4) which

requires individuals to honor their responsibilities to the professions and Rule 701E(4)(b) which prohibits individuals from engaging in conduct that adversely reflects on the professions.

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;

WHEREAS, Jami E. Williams 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 and Licensee have entered into this Consent Agreement and Order by which the Board agrees to resolve the complaint. Licensee 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 Jami E. Williams accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to the LA R.S. 49:958:

1. Licensee shall successfully complete an open book examination, and pay all related testing fees, regarding Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2650-2666 (The Practice Act); the Board's Rules, Regulations and Procedures; and Ethical Questions no later than December 31, 2016.
2. Applicant shall complete ten (10) hours of continuing education in ethics and billing fraud. The continuing education course shall be pre-approved by the Board ninety

(90) days prior to December 31, 2016. A certificate of attendance for the course must be submitted upon completion of the course, but not to exceed ninety (90) days from the course. These hours are in addition to the continuing education hours required for annual renewal.

3. Licensee shall pay a \$1,000.00 fine within one (1) year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. Licensee shall pay the investigative costs of adjudicating this matter in the amount of \$503.22 within one (1) year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
5. Licensee waives any and all legal, procedural, or judicial remedies, appeals, or relief which might be available under the Administrative Procedures Act, and the statutory and procedural rules of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
6. Licensee specifically acknowledges that 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 licensure without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of Licensee's completion of the requirements set forth above. The admissions contained herein, will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

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 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 (NPDB).

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 16th day of January, 2016.

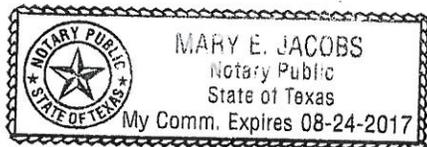
Dean M. Wagnerspack
Chair

Stephen J. Harris
Vice Chair

[Signature]
Secretary/Treasurer

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Jami E. Williams, Licensee, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at Waskom, TX
Waskom Sub Courthouse,
Texas Louisiana, on this 31st day of December, 2015.

Jami E. Williams by Janette F. Williams
Jami E. Williams POA



Mary Jacobs
Notary Public

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, Jami E. Williams, Licensee, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and executed same at _____, Louisiana, on this _____ day of _____, 201_____.

Jami E. Williams
Jami E. Williams

Durres, Albania
January 2, 2016

Notary Public

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