

LOUISIANA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

**COMPLAINT NUMBER:
2020-005C**

KAYLA M. BONANO

LICENSE NO: L-239

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, KAYLA BONANO (“MS. BONANO”) is a Licensed Behavior Analyst (“LBA”), and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (“LBAB”), the laws set forth in the Behavior Analyst Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1001, et seq.), and the rules promulgated by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (LAC 46:VIII §301, et seq.);

WHEREAS, the LBAB complaints regarding MS. BONANO alleging that she allowed non-registered staff to provide services to clients; required staff to perform personal duties, including babysitting, allowed non-authorized personnel to enter treatment rooms during therapy; failed to consult with colleagues for guidance when providing treatment outside the boundary of competence; failed to properly supervise RLTs; accepted gifts from clients; submitted notes of RLTs to an insurance company as her own; refused to allow former clients to treat with the therapist of their choice; allowed non-LBAs to create behavioral plans; and failed to provide a safe environment or treatment protocol for a child with self-injurious behaviors;

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated November 17, 2020, the LBAB notified MS. BONANO of the Board-initiated complaint filed against her, provided MS. BONANO with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that MS. BONANO, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving her review of the circumstances that are the subject of the complaint;

WHEREAS, by letter dated December 16, 2020, MS. BONANO, through counsel, provided a response to the allegations set forth in the notice letter, giving her review of the allegations set forth therein;

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2021, MS. BONANO and her counsel attended an informal conference (Bertucci hearing) with the disciplinary committee of the LBAB to address the allegations against her;

WHEREAS, the respondent, KAYLA BONANO, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:VIII §603 and La. R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

WHEREAS, the Respondent, KAYLA BONANO, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, KAYLA BONANO, is and was at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Licensed Behavior Analyst, licensed by the LBAB to engage in the practice of behavior analysis in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LBA License Number L-239.
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, MS. BONANO was actively engaged in the practice of behavior analysis as the Manager-Member and Clinical Director of Sunny Days Behavioral Therapy, LLC located in Slidell, Louisiana.
3. The Respondent, KAYLA BONANO, acknowledges that the LBAB may have sufficient information to file an Administrative Complaint based upon the allegations against her as addressed in the November 17, 2020, notice letter from the LBAB. Thus, to avoid proceeding to an administrative hearing, Respondent agrees to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.
4. The Respondent, KAYLA BONANO, admits that her conduct violated the following rules and regulations of the LBAB: La. R.S. 37:3712(A) and (B)(12) and (15), LAC 46:VIII §1001, and the following sections of the Professional and Ethical Compliance Code of the BACB: 1.02, 1.06(b), 2.01, 3.03, and 4.04.

WHEREAS, the Respondent, KAYLA BONANO, agrees not to repeat the violations admitted in this Consent Agreement and Order and acknowledges that any repetition of the admitted violations shall be cause for further disciplinary action. KAYLA BONANO further recognizes that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by MS. BONANO shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the LBAB to immediately suspend the license of MS. BONANO to provide behavior analysis in the State of Louisiana for a period of up to two (2) years, as determined by the LBAB at a regularly scheduled meeting of the LBAB, without the need to institute new disciplinary proceedings against MS. BONANO.

WHEREAS, Respondent, MS. BONANO, recognizes her right to have an administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time MS. BONANO would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on her behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the LBAB based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. MS. BONANO nonetheless hereby waives her right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. MS. BONANO also acknowledges that she hereby waives any rights to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which she otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest her agreement to, or the force and effect of this Consent Agreement and Order in any Court or other forum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the LBAB by La. R.S. 49:955(D), the LBAB orders and MS. BONANO accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. The LBAB license of MS. BONANO to be engaged in the practice of Applied Behavior Analysis in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LBA License Number L-239, shall be, and is hereby REPRIMANDED, based upon the allegations of the complaint and investigation. MS. BONANO accepts and shall maintain strict compliance with the following terms and conditions.
2. MS. BONANO shall pay legal costs associated with the Complaint in the amount of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) as well as a fine as authorized by La. R.S. 37:3704(8) and La. R.S. 37:3712(C) for the above referred violations in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) within six (6) months from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payment shall be made by certified check or money order. The payment(s) shall be made in five installments of \$333.33 and one final installment of \$333.35, postmarked no later than the tenth (10th) day of each month, with the first payment due within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Agreement by the LBAB. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
3. MS. BONANO shall report the terms of this Consent Agreement and its approval to any board or agency located in the United States with which she is licensed or professionally credentialed.
4. Any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by MS. BONANO shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the LBAB to immediately suspend the license of MS. BONANO to practice Applied Behavioral Analysis in the State of Louisiana for a period of up to two (2) years, as determined by the LBAB.
5. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, MS. BONANO waives all rights to appeal her consent to this Consent Agreement or the approval of this Consent Agreement by the LBAB.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the LBAB and is a matter of public record. The terms of this Consent Agreement

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and Order may be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LBAB website, the BACB, and the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB).

THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LBAB involving Respondent.

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ORDER

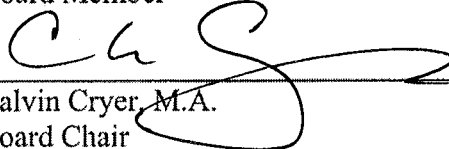
The Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2020-005C, adopts the Consent Agreement and Order in the matter on this

25th day of May, 2022.

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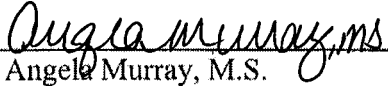
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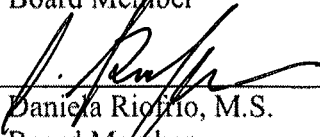
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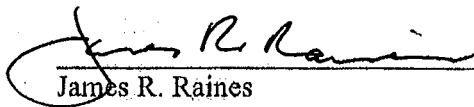
Daniela Riofrio, M.S.
Board Member

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I, **JAMES R. RAINES**, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which KAYLA BONANO, could be charged under Complaint Number 2020-005C; and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.


James R. Raines

5/24/22
Date

I, **KAYLA BONANO**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint Number 2020-005C by Consent Agreement and Order ("Order") pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LBAB for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LBAB the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:960. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LBAB shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LBAB's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LBAB decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LBAB approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.


KAYLA BONANO

05/23/22
Date

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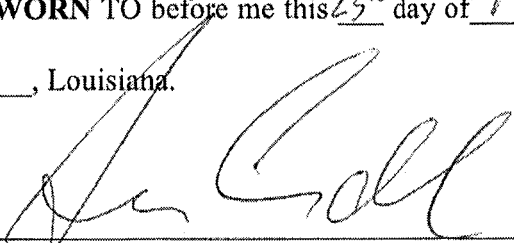
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I, **KAYLA BONANO**, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 05/23/22 
KAYLA BONANO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 23rd day of May,
2022, at Slidell, Louisiana.


Notary Public

Print Name: JAROMIR EDL

My Commission Expires: with life

