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IN THE MATTER OF:

REBECCA LEE HONEYCUTT
MDW APPRENTICE
Applicant

No. 15-I-364

CONSENT ORDER

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of Rebecca Lee Honeycutt's renewal of her application for midwife apprentice permit by the Board to practice as a midwife apprentice in this state. Ms. Honeycutt was initially issued a permit by the Board as a midwife apprentice on August 2, 2011 but failed to renew her permit when it expired on March 30, 2013. While it appears from information available as supplied by Ms. Honeycutt's application and otherwise that she is generally qualified for renewal of such permit, as acknowledged by her in application, she reported that she practiced as a midwife apprentice in Louisiana since November 2013 with an expired Board apprentice permit.

In connection with this matter, Ms. Honeycutt submitted a written statement to the Investigating Officer of the Board (the "I/O"), explaining that she had been attending births in a birthing center in Texas, but with closure of the birthing center, she sought experience with the licensed midwife through the home births which occurred in both Texas and Louisiana, and thus practiced as a midwife apprentice in Louisiana from November 2013 through August 2014. Ms. Honeycutt stated that her supervising licensed midwife refused to sign the paperwork for a contractual relationship that is required for the apprentice permit. She acknowledged that it was her ultimate responsibility to obtain a permit before attending the Louisiana births. She has cooperated with this investigation and she has not practiced as a midwife apprentice since August 2014. Further, she has committed to insure that her future practice would at all times be in compliance with the Law and the Board's Rules regarding midwifery.

As evidenced by her subscription to this Order Ms. Honeycutt acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and information could provide the Board with sufficient cause to deny her application pursuant to the Law and/or the Board's Rules respecting licensed midwives.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the I/O for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Honeycutt is a conscientious and well-trained midwife apprentice, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that the actions identified herein above may implicate one or more violations of the Midwife Practice Act and/or the Board's Rules respecting midwives.¹

Recognizing her right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time she would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, Ms. Honeycutt, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Honeycutt further acknowledges and waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herin. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Honeycutt also hereby authorizes the I/O designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Honeycutt expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the foregoing information, as well as the recommendation of the I/O, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:3249, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter by Consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:3249 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Rebecca Lee Honeycutt is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a permit to practice as a midwife apprentice in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Rebecca Lee Honeycutt.

¹ La. Rev. Stat. §37:3241-3257. La. Adm. C. 46XLV.2339, 2343, 2345, 2365, 2367, and 2369.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the date of this Order Ms. Honeycutt shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, which represents the permit renewal fee for the past one year, plus a penalty of an equal amount.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Ms. Honeycutt shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such causes were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:3251.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 20th day of July, 2015.

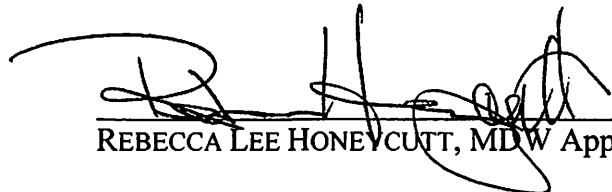
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By: Mark Henry Dawson
MARK HENRY DAWSON, M.D.
President

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

I, REBECCA LEE HONEYCUTT, MDW Apprentice Applicant, hereby acknowledge,
approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 13th day of
MAY, 2015.



REBECCA LEE HONEYCUTT, MDW Apprentice Applicant

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at New Orleans, Louisiana this
13th day of MAY, 2015, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Thania Savoir Elliott
Notary Public (Signature) and Seal

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