

**Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board – SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES: *January 13, 2014***  
*APPROVED: February 4, 2014*

A special meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was called to order by Chair Emily Bellaci at 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 13, 2014, at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Emily Bellaci, Cassie Bradford, and Ellen Brocato and Executive Director, Kelly Parker. The following Board members were absent: Jenny Longwell, Ph.D., Kathy Chovanec and Marc Zimmermann, Ph.D.,MP (ex-officio nonvoting member). The meeting was convened to review emergency issues regarding licensure, certification and registration that would immediately affect the public and the services available to the public. Emily Stowe, a Butterfly Effects representative was present for the meeting, but did not attend the executive session of the meeting.

Ms. Bellaci moved to accept the January 13, 2014 agenda, no objections or abstentions.

The Board reviewed 8 line tech applications along with corresponding summaries of the emergency clients in executive session. The Board also requested additional information in order to make well-informed decisions on a case-by-case scenario. Specifically, the Board requested data on each case and documentation from the schools (if school attendance was an issue). The Board also reviewed letters provided by supervising behavior analysts and parent letters (if provided). After an extensive review, the Board approved 1 line technician.

**Line Tech: K. Robinson:** The Board unanimously voted to deny this request because the client was receiving services from a substitute line technician and is currently in school. The client is also currently receiving ABA services elsewhere.

**Line Tech: A. Tousaint:** The Board unanimously voted to deny this request since the client was enrolled in Pre-K program and currently receives ABA services elsewhere.

**Line Tech: M. Kernan:** The Board unanimously voted to deny this request because Ms. Kernan was 1 of 3 line technicians and was only providing 3 hours of service in school. The Board opined that Ms. Kernan's registration was not an emergency.

**Line Tech: A. Harley:** The Board's majority vote was to approve this request because the client has a history of severe aggression towards others and self-injurious behaviors. The Board noted that even though the client was only being seen since November this was an emergency case due to the possibility of harm to himself or others. Ms. Harley was approved to work under the supervision of Corrina Carrotti, behavior analyst applicant, only.

**Line Tech: E.Faust:** The Board unanimously voted to deny this request because based on school documentation the school does not require a line technician for the client's attendance at school. The documentation states that the school gives "permission" but nowhere does it say they require same. The Board determined this was not an emergency situation.

**Line Tech: Greenebaum:** The Board unanimously voted to deny this request because the client is in nursery school and the data reviewed showed low instances of behavior issues. The Board opined that this was not an emergency situation.

**Line Tech: J. Moses:** The Board initially voted to approve this request if school documentation specifically stated that the client could not attend school without a line tech. The school documentation received later that afternoon was not consistent with what was presented by Butterfly Effects. According to the school documentation, the client is in school on a provisional basis and the parents are on-call. Therefore the Board opined that this is not an emergency situation.

The Board discussed the outcome of the review. The Board recommended urging all parties to make the licensure and registration process a top priority. The Board agreed that the emergency denial did not prevent the individuals from obtaining registration approval at any time, it was simply for the immediate period prior to completion of their file and registration requirements. The Board agreed to consider additional material for reconsideration if received by the January 28, 2014 deadline for the February 4, 2014 meeting.

Ms. Brocato moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m.