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Jamie Smith  
62 Green St  
Rayville, LA 71269

License #20120653

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) has received information alleging that you have violated the law relating to the practice of practical nursing. A summary of the accusations being made against you is as follows:

The board received information from the Richland Parish Detention Center indicating that on August 30, 2017, medical assistance was called to your unit due to a non-responsive offender. You were asked if an ambulance was in route for transport and you failed to respond, you were again asked and finally stated no. At that time an ambulance was called. You were overheard later cancelling the ambulance in spite of the offender's history of seizures, and to having just confessed to smoking mojo and possible aspiration.

You were requested to meet with the Chief Security Officer to discuss what was going on with you since you seemed uncertain as what to do in an emergency situation. It was also noted that your hands were "very shaky". Once confronted, you became belligerent and stormed out of his office. The medical officer was sent to collect the paperwork to send the offender out, but you attempted to barricade the office door with the med cart and you were crying hysterically. The medical officer had to complete the paperwork to send the offender to the hospital.

You were requested to submit to a drug screen for cause, to which you initially refused. You then submitted to the test, which was reported as being negative. You were requested to and submitted to a breathalyzer test, to which you stopped the test prematurely. However, your results still registered .155. When asked to repeat the test, you refused. You were asked to immediately resign.

The next morning the relief nurse found your medical office to "be a mess." The paperwork on your desk was wet with coke which had spilled and it was noted that 45 sick calls and 22 request forms dating back June to present were not addressed.

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Louisiana Revised Statutes, 49:961 (C), in pertinent part, provides: "If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to the effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." LSA-R.S. 49:961(C).

The Board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your practical nursing license**, in accordance with the above cited authority, and hereby, issues the following Order:

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that based on the information and/or record(s) obtained by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and a finding "that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action", in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:961(C), the LPN license of the above named respondent, **Jamie Smith, license #20120653**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

*M Lynn Ansardi, RN*

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Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners  
M. Lynn Ansardi, RN, Executive Director

**You must immediately cease and desist the practice of practical nursing and return your current practical nursing license to the Board office.**

The Board will schedule your case for the next available formal hearing and will notify you by mail of the date and time. Moreover, the Board will continue its investigation of the allegations against you, about which you will be notified by Formal Complaint, to determine if you are in violation of the following:

3. **being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;**
4. **being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;**
8. **being guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
  - a. **failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;**
  - b. **failure to utilize appropriate judgment in administering nursing practice;**
  - c. **failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out nursing care;**
  - j. **intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
  - o. **being guilty of moral turpitude;**
  - p. **inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;**

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- q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty, or using or being under the influence of illegal drugs whether on or off duty;
- s. refusing to cooperate with employer's request to submit to a drug screen;
- t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

**Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969, et. seq.**

**You must submit a detailed written statement regarding the allegations, as well as a history of your employment for the past five years.**

In the course of an investigation of any report of substance abuse or diversion of narcotic, it is usual for the board to ask for a comprehensive chemical addiction assessment from a State Board approved psychologist/psychiatrist/addictionologist. This assessment should contain both objective and subjective assessments to arrive at a diagnosis and treatment plan of care. This evaluation is to be used by the board to determine if a substance abuse problem exists and if so, to what extent treatment may be needed. Enclosed you will find a medical release of information form. Please fill the form out, mail a copy to the board office and give a copy to your evaluator so that he/she can forward a copy of your evaluation to the board office.

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