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September 26, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL
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Ashley Sams
P.O. Box 242
Calhoun, LA 71225

License # 930934

Dear Ms. Sams:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. On or about September 2, 2017, you were brought in by EMS to Union General Hospital after you were found unresponsive at your employment, LAARK Drug Rehab Facility, by the oncoming nurse. You were the only nurse caregiver on duty for night shift. You were given Narcan in the ER and became awake and responsive. You stated that you took Lortab during the night.

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 LPN 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, **Ashley Sams**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

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Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
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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:

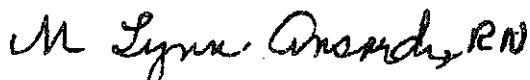
3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;
4. being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
 - a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;
 - g. improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;
 - h. misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;
 - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;
 - o. being guilty of moral turpitude;
 - 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;
 - 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.

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to the allegations as well as a history of your employment for the last 5 years.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS



M. Lynn Ansardi, RN
Executive Director

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