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**Jamie Lee
3333 Normandy Court
Marrero, LA 70072**

License #20102523

Dear Ms. Lee:

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 that you were terminated from West Jefferson Medical Center on 4/3/18 for narcotic discrepancies, impairment and a positive drug screen for soma. According to the drug test report, you were also taking suboxone. On 3/20/18, you documented giving a patient 4 mg of Ativan at 12:05 and documented giving a second dose of 4 mg Ativan to the same patient at 16:13. The patient indicated that he had not received any medication, but aspirin that morning. When questioned, you pulled 8 mg of Ativan out of your pocket and stated that you intended to return it. Chart review of another patient showed that on 3/17/18, you documented removing Lorazepam 2 mg vials on three occasions, but only documented giving two doses to the patient. You were asked to submit to a drug screen because you appeared impaired with droopy eyelids and slurred speech. On the way to be tested it was discovered that you had texted a co-worker asking her to provide a urine specimen and to leave it in your backpack.

Records from West Jefferson Medical Center also indicated that you had received a written warning on 8/21/17 for failing to follow hospital policy regarding nursing documentation on 8/16/17. You failed to document on 5 assigned patients.

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:

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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 Lee, license #20102523**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.



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;**
 - g. improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**
 - h. misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;**
 - i. falsifying records;**
 - 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;**
 - 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;**
 - r. possess a physical or psychological impairment which interferes with the judgment, skills or abilities required for the practice of practical nursing;**

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- 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 and 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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