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June 14, 2018

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Keri Sievert
17664 Barrett Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

License # 20120847

Dear Ms. Sievert:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning an incident that occurred at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. It alleges that on or about December 26, 2017, you were impaired on duty. You were witnessed falling asleep at your computer. You would wake up, laugh, and then appear to sing. Your speech was slurred, your eyes were glassy, and your pupils appeared pinpoint. You submitted to a urine drug screen for cause. The results were positive for codeine and morphine. Your employment was terminated from the facility.

On March 28, 2018, the board received your narrative response regarding the allegations. In this response, you stated "I took the prescribed medicine Dr. Griffin prescribed me and I should not have taken it at work..." The board requested that you have your treating physician(s) complete the board's medication form documenting current prescriptions. This form was to be mailed to the board office directly from the treating physician's office. On April 16, 2018, the board received a typed correspondence and completed medication form under the signature of Dr. Ewelina Griffin. On this date, the board contacted Dr. Griffin who denied composing, signing, and mailing the correspondence and form to the board office.

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:

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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, **Keri Sievert**, 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;
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

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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 allegation.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Lynn Ansardi, RN".

M. Lynn Ansardi, RN
Executive Director

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