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**Victoria Packard
214 River Oaks Drive
New Orleans, LA 70131**

License #20121176

Dear Ms. Packard:

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 West Jefferson Medical Center that you were terminated on 6/14/18 for code of conduct violation-delivering care while under the influence. It was reported that you gave an injection to a patient while under the influence. On 6/8/18, you returned late from lunch and you were witnessed to appear intoxicated and slurring your words. When asked if you were under the influence, you replied "Yes, I'm drunk and you can fucking fire me." You were told to take 15 minutes to calm down in the manager's office. When the manager returned, you were found passed out in the chair. The physician was alerted and 911 called to request an ambulance for a potential overdose. Once you were revived, you expressed to the physician and the manager that you had nothing to live for and that you were going to drive off a bridge and then stated that since your kids had no one to take care of them, you would have to drive them off the bridge with you. You continued to cry uncontrollably and repeated the desire to kill yourself and your kids. You were taken to West Jefferson emergency room. According to a letter from Townsend Treatment Center, you were admitted to an intensive outpatient addiction treatment program on 6/12/18.

Additional records submitted by West Jefferson Medical Center indicate that you were previously counseled on 4/13/18 for failing to contact your supervisor to report that you were running late for your scheduled shift. On 1/25/17, you were counseled for failing to report an incident that occurred on 1/18/17. You gave an injection to a patient and as she was pulling her pants up, she was stuck in her left thumb with the needle in your hand. The patient began feeling discomfort and called the physician. You failed to report that this incident occurred. You received a verbal counseling on 7/26/16 regarding your tardiness for three shifts within a 30 day period.

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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, **Victoria Packard, license #20121176**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.



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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;**
5. **being mentally incompetent;**
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;**
 - j. **intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**

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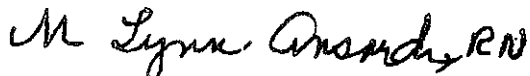
- l. leaving a nursing assignment without properly notifying appropriate personnel;**
- o. being guilty of moral turpitude;**
- q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair 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.**

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 your employment history for the last 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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