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Elizabeth Boudreaux
2018 Jefferson Street
Mandeville, LA 70448

License # 20132561

Dear Ms. Boudreaux:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning your practice while employed Ochsner St. Anne General Hospital. It is alleged that on multiple occasions you exhibited unsafe nursing practices. On March 18, 2018, you were transferred to the Family Doctor Clinic where you received one-on-one supervised orientation with a preceptor for a period of three months. During this timeframe, it was noted that you continued to make multiple errors regarding medication administration. You used improper techniques when attempting to give IM injections, failing to use a 90 degree angle. You could not identify correct landmarks to administer an injection even after repeated education. Specifically, while administering a pneumonia vaccine to a patient, you stuck the needle in the patient's arm but removed the syringe prior to pushing the plunger to administer the medication. When your preceptor notified you there was medication in the syringe, you re-stuck the patient using the same needle. Secondly, you received a complaint from a patient and her mother indicating you were rude and failed to use proper techniques when administering an injection. The patient was nervous about the injection and bent over a chair to hold her mother's hand. You rudely told the patient she had to bend over the exam table. The patient reports that you slowly pushed the needle and the medication during administration and then left the needle dangling out of her while you retrieved a Band-Aid to apply to the injection site. It is further reported that on multiple occasions you removed incorrect medications for administration. A provider ordered Rocephin with Lidocaine 1% via IM injection. You removed Bupivacaine with Rocephin. You were educated on the difference between the medications and you verbalized understanding. Again, a provider ordered Rocephin with Lidocaine 1%. On this occurrence, you removed Lidocaine with Epinephrine. On a third occasion you drew up two injections to administer to a patient. When questioned by your preceptor, it was discovered that the patient did not have an order for the injections. You continuously failed to adhere to guidelines and standards of care including telling leadership "you would give an injection through clothing if needed." You also failed to follow procedure regarding medication reconciliation and notifying patients of lab results. Your employment was terminated.

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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 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, **Elizabeth Boudreaux**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

M. Lynn Ansardi, RN

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;**
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;**
 - f. **performing duties and assuming responsibilities within the scope of the definition of practical nursing when competency has not been achieved or maintained, or where competency has not been achieved or maintained in a particular specialty;**
 - g. **improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**

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- j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
- o. being guilty of moral turpitude;**
- 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 allegation.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
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