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IN RE: JENETT ALEXANDER, L.P.N.
License #960775
D.O.B. 01/06/1957

This cause having come to be heard at a formal hearing conducted at the Board on January 27, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. upon the complaint filed in this matter.

The nature of the hearing is prosecution of the matter

1. The respondent was present for the scheduled hearing and did give sworn testimony.
2. There were five (5) witnesses called by the Board to testify at the Formal Hearing. These witnesses were:
 - A. David McSwain, RN, DON, West Carroll Health Systems, Oak Grove, LA
 - B. Melinda Stutts, RN, Assistant DON, West Carroll Health Systems, Oak Grove, LA
 - C. Karen Shirey, LPN, West Carroll Health Systems, Oak Grove, LA
 - D. Sharon Washington, CNA, West Carroll Health Systems, Oak Grove, LA
 - E. LaShannon Lockhart, PST (Patient Support Tech), West Carroll Health Systems, Oak Grove, LA
3. No witnesses were called by the respondent.
4. The Hearing Officer fully considered Exhibits A through N that were admitted into evidence.

THE HEARING OFFICER, HAVING REVIEWED ALL EVIDENCE, AND BEING FULLY ADVISED IN THE PREMISES, MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

The respondent received a license to practice practical nursing in the state of Louisiana on September 5, 1996.

1. On April 2, 2007, the respondent entered into a voluntary consent order, placing her license on probation for a period of two (2) years. This consent order followed and was a result of the respondent's self-report of her arrest and pre-trial agreement for possession of marijuana. (Refer to Exhibits J1-6)
2. On November 19, 2007, the respondent's practical nursing license was suspended for violating the April 2, 2007 voluntary consent order. The respondent failed to report for a required drug screen. (Refer to Exhibit K-1)
3. On February 25, 2009, the respondent's practical nursing license was reinstated to probationary status. (Refer to Exhibit L-1)
5. On September 27, 2010, while employed at West Carroll Health Systems as an LPN, the respondent verbally and physically abused a two (2) year old patient for whom she was assigned to administer nursing care. (Refer to the sworn testimony of Karen Shirey, LPN; LaShannon Lockhart, PST; and Sharon Washington, CNA, of the hearing transcript and Exhibits B2-5, G3-5, H1-5).

"....Jenett was going to start the IV on the foot, and she, I think, put the tourniquet on the leg and the little girl woke up, ... she started to cry....Jenett did get the IV in and the little girl pulled...her leg back...the little girl started to really cry...and Jenett put her hand on the baby's face ...on the baby's lower jaw...and she squeezed to make what I call fish lips. She squeezed with a force.... And she said, shut up....you just shut up....the baby was hollering, it took me a second to comprehend what my eyes saw, and she put it in the baby's mouth....The gauze, the two-by-twos...she was crying. She was trying to get away from us...and I saw her pick up some gauze and then she put her hand back over the baby's mouth... and immediately the baby did not make a sound. I mean, it cut off instantly....When the gauze came out, the baby started to scream and cry again." (Refer to the sworn testimony of Karen Shirey, LPN, pages 82-87 of the hearing transcript, and Exhibits B2-5, H1-H5).

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6. On September 27, 2010, while employed at West Carroll Health Systems as an LPN, the respondent was insubordinate and failed to follow specific orders from the assistant director of nursing to bring the patient to the emergency room for I.V. access, following the respondent's first failed attempt at starting an IV on the two (2) year old client. (Refer to the sworn Testimony of Melinda Stutts, RN, ADON on page 74 lines 1-16).
7. The respondent made negative and inappropriate remarks about the two (2) year old and the family of the two (2) year old to other members of the staff. The respondent told Karen Shirey, LPN that both the respondent and an RN (Melinda Stutts) had tried to start an IV on the two year old. "The little girl, the child, the patient, was real strong, she was kicking and screaming, and Jenett said, she's too old to be acting that way. And she made some statement about the family being stupid and they needed to make the child stop acting that way." (Refer to the sworn testimony of Karen Shirey on page 79 lines 13-22, and Exhibits B-2 and H-1-5).
8. The respondent was terminated from West Carroll Health Systems on September 28, 2010 for inappropriate behavior while at work. (Refer to the sworn testimony of David McSwain, RN, DON; and Exhibits B-1, C-6)
9. The respondent testified that the reason she placed the gauze in the child's mouth was because she thought the child was having a seizure. (Refer to page 155 line 20 – page 156 line 1 of the hearing transcript, and to Exhibit I-21, I-23 and I-26 the respondent presented at the formal hearing). However, the witnesses testified to the following:
 - A. The client was not having a seizure during the respondent's failed attempt to start the IV. The client did not have a history of seizures or a seizure disorder. (Refer to the sworn testimony of Karen Shirey, LPN on page 90 lines 4-7, and Melinda Stutts, RN on page 62, lines 1-5 of the hearing transcript and to Exhibits D-6-17 and H-4).
 - B. If it had been true that the client was having a seizure during the respondent's attempt to start the IV, placing gauze in the two year old client's mouth would have been contraindicated. (Refer to Exhibits I-21, I-23, and I-26).
 - C. The two year old's temperature was normal at the time of the incident. Refer to the sworn testimony of the respondent and Melinda Stutts, RN of the hearing transcript and to Exhibit D-11-17).

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10. The testimony of the board witnesses was found to be credible as relates to the respondent's actions when attempting to start an IV on the two year old client and as relates to the behaviors and clinical picture of the client.
11. The testimony of the respondent was found to be not credible.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the facts set forth in the entire record and outlined herein above, the respondent is in violation of:

The Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 37, Chapter 11, Part II, Section 969 A. (4)

- (c) Is unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other causes; and
- (f) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct; and
- (g) Has violated any provisions of this Part.

And § 978 A

- (8) Violate any provisions of this Part. And

The Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart 1, Sections 306 T.

- 3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes; and
- 8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
 - a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected; and
 - b. failure to utilize appropriate judgment in administering nursing practice; and
 - c. failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out nursing care; and
 - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient; and
 - o. being guilty of moral turpitude; and
 - 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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ORDER

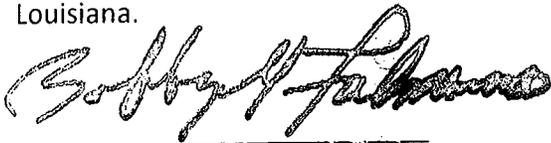
The matter of Jenett Alexander, license #960775, on June 17, 2011 came on for final action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the license of the respondent, Jenett Alexander, license #960775 be **REVOKED**

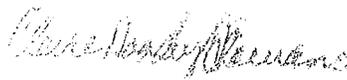
1. **Fines/Fees:**

- A. The respondent is to be fined \$500.00, **payable by cashier's check or money order only**, for the violations detailed in the Conclusions of Law, and payable within 90 days of the date of this order.
- B. The respondent is to be assessed a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00, **payable by cashiers check or money order only**, and must be paid within 90 days of the date of this order.

Rendered this 17th day of June, 2011 and signed this 17th day of June, 2011 at Metairie, Louisiana.



BOBBY FULMER, M.D.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



CLAIRE D. GLAVIANO, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mailed this 20th day of June, 2011 by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt #7009 2820 0003 7946 7404 and regular mail to the following address:

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Public Records

This Order is public record. All disciplinary actions of the Board will be reported to all required data banks and agencies as required by law.

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