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In the matter of: **William Johnson**
211 Yvonne Street
Broussard, LA 70518

License #270634

Date offered: May 31, 2013

Date offer expires: June 20, 2013

CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this Consent Order to William Johnson, license #270634 based on the following:

1. The board received the respondent's self-report indicating that he passed out while on duty in April and July, 2012, both times requiring emergency room and inpatient care. Additionally, the respondent indicated that he was under the care of a sleep doctor and an addiction doctor, and had been on a suboxone regimen for several years. Further, the respondent stated that he took valium which was not prescribed to him.
2. The board also received a report from Camelot of Broussard indicating that the respondent was terminated on 7/31/12, following these episodes.
3. The board received information from Our Lady of the Lourdes Hospital and Acadian Ambulance Service. According to information received, the respondent was transported on 4/6/12 by Acadian Ambulance to Our Lady of the Lourdes Hospital for heart problems and passing out. The respondent was diagnosed at admittance with acute confusion/possible accidental overdose by Dr. Chad Heinen. It was noted that the respondent was found unresponsive and brought to the ER in an obtunded state with questionable excessive suboxone ingestion. It was reported that the respondent had taken approximately 10-20 suboxone pills the day prior. The respondent was discharged on 4/9/12 with a diagnosis of delirium, polysubstance abuse, and major depression. Dr. Scott Eckholdt recommended substance abuse treatment at that time.
4. On 7/19/12, the respondent was again transported by Acadian Ambulance to Our Lady of the Lourdes Hospital for unconsciousness/fainting and difficulty speaking. While enroute to the hospital it was noted that the respondent was in and out of consciousness. According to Dr. Erin Lasseigne, the respondent was diagnosed with acute psychosis, encephalopathy, altered mental status and possible overdose. It was noted that the respondent was found to be unresponsive, slumped over, somnolent, and obtunded. The

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respondent had admitted to taking 10-20 pills of suboxone and was treated at the hospital with Narcan, Benadryl, Ativan, and Geodon. The respondent's urine drug screen was positive for benzodiazepines and opiates. He was discharged 7/21/12 with a diagnosis of altered mental status and history of narcotic abuse. Dr. Wartelle Castille recommended outpatient drug dependency program or Narcotics Anonymous.

5. According to the respondent's statement to the board, he indicated that he is under the care of a cardiologist, a sleep specialist, and Dr. Hoover, who is his primary care physician as well as a board certified addiction specialist.

Based on the evidence submitted, the Board has concluded that Mr. Johnson is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969 A. 4. (c) is unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence habit, or other causes; (d) is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit forming drugs; (f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct; (g) has violated any provision of this part and §978 A. (8).

As further defined in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 1, Practical Nurses, Section 306, T.

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;
 - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;
 - 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

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

In lieu of a formal hearing on the matter, the respondent consents to accept and abides by the following Orders of the Board:

1. That Mr. Johnson consents that his license to practice practical nursing in the state of Louisiana be revoked.
2. That revocation in the state of Louisiana is permanent and final.
3. That Mr. Johnson agrees as part of this Consent Agreement that he shall not practice and/or attempt to practice in this state involving the direct and/or indirect care of any persons.

Furthermore, the respondent is hereby notified and by signature William Johnson acknowledges and agrees to comply with the Orders of the Board.

* I returned my current license with last letter I sent you. WJ

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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CONSENT ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, William Johnson, the undersigned respondent, agree that the board has jurisdiction over the matter and specifically waive my right to contest these findings in any subsequent proceedings before the board. I understand that the Consent Order shall constitute as public record and is disciplinary action by the board.

I further acknowledge and attest that I have fully cooperated with the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners in resolving this matter and intend to comply with all stipulations of the order.

I voluntarily agree to sign and have witnessed the terms of the order for the purpose of avoiding a formal hearing with the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

I do say that I freely, knowingly and voluntarily enter into the order. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in the matter and I freely waive such right. I understand that I have a right to legal counsel prior to entering into the order.

I understand that the order is effective immediately upon signature of the Executive Director and will become an Order of the Board. It is understood that the order does not preclude the Board of Practical Nurse Examiners from requiring a formal hearing of my case. I further understand that should the Consent Order not be accepted by the board, I agree that presentation to and consideration of the Consent Order, the documenting evidence and information by the board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the board or any of its members from participation in hearings or other proceedings pertaining to these or other matters regarding the respondent.

William D. Johnson 6-11-13
Signature of licensee Date

[Signature] 6-11-13
Signature of witness #1 Date

[Signature] 6/11/13
Signature of witness #2 Date

Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
M Lynn Ansardi RN 6/17/13
MARION LYNN ANSARDI Date
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR