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In the matter of: **Karolyn Jones**
308 Macklyn Street
Lafayette, LA 70501

License #271030

Date offered: **June 17, 2013**

Date offer expires: **July 17, 2013**

CONSENT ORDER

To facilitate a conclusion to the allegations against Karolyn Jones, LPN, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this Consent Order. The allegations include:

On November 30, 2012, while employed as a licensed practical nurse with American Legion Hospital, the respondent ordered labs and medication on a patient exhibiting signs of respiratory distress without the physician's approval.

Based on the evidence submitted, the Board has concluded that **Ms. Jones** is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969 A. 4. **((f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct; (g) has violated any provisions of this Part; and §978. A. (8) Violate any provisions of this Part.** As further defined in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 1, Practical Nurses, Section 306,T.

- 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;**
 - e. **performing procedures beyond the authorized scope of practical nursing;**
 - i. **falsifying records;**
 - p. **inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;**
 - 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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In lieu of a formal hearing on the matter, the respondent consents to accept and abide by the following Orders of the Board:

1. That she be issued a Letter of Reprimand as disciplinary action against her license for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act.
2. That she be fined \$500.00 for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act, payable by cashier's check or money order only and on or before January 17, 2014.
3. The respondent must satisfactorily complete courses in the following areas:
 - Documentation for Nurses
 - Communication Skills in Nursing
 - Nurses Legal Handbook (this course must be taken at www.homesteadschools.com)
 - Patient Advocacy and Ethical Nursing Practice (this course must be taken at www.homesteadschools.com)
 - Supervisory Skills
 - Respecting Professional Boundaries

Evidence of Completion of courses must be submitted to the Board office on or before **January 17, 2014**.

Furthermore, the respondent is hereby notified and by signature K. M. Jones acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with the Orders of the Board may result in any or all of the following:

VIOLATIONS

Failure to comply with any and/or all sections of this order may result in any and/or all of the following: a) immediate suspension of license, b) indefinite suspension of license, c) ineligibility for annual renewal of license d) additional fines/penalties up to \$500.00 per occurrence, e) increased probationary period, f) summary suspension, and/or g) revocation.

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LETTER OF REPRIMAND

In the matter of: Karolyn Jones
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License #271030

Date: June 17, 2013

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners hereby issues this Letter of Reprimand against Karolyn Jones, LPN based on the following:

On November 30, 2012, while employed as a licensed practical nurse with American Legion Hospital, the respondent ordered labs and medication on a patient exhibiting signs of respiratory distress without the physician's approval.

Based on the evidence submitted, the Board has concluded that **Ms. Jones** is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969 A. 4. **(f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct; (g) has violated any provisions of this Part; and §978. A. (8) Violate any provisions of this Part.** As further defined in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 1, Practical Nurses, Section 306,T.

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Furthermore, the respondent is hereby fined \$500.00 for the above violations, payable by **cashier's check or money order only** and satisfactorily complete courses and submit evidence to the Board on or before **January 17, 2014**.

The Board has jurisdiction over your license and hereby publicly reprimands you for violating the Nurse Practice Act. This letter of reprimand is considered disciplinary action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. This disciplinary action is reportable to all applicable state and federal agencies.

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M. Lynn Ansardi, R.N.
Executive Director

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CONSENT ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, Karolyn Jones, agree that the Board has jurisdiction over this matter. I specifically waive my right to contest these findings in any subsequent proceedings before the Board. I understand that this 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 these charges, and intend to comply with all stipulations of this order.

I voluntarily agree to sign and have witnessed the terms of this 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 this order. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter and I freely waive such right. I understand that I have a right to legal counsel prior to entering into this order.

I understand that this order is effective immediately upon signature of the Executive Director and will become an Order of the Board. It is understood that this 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 this respondent.

K. Jones 7/15/13
Signature of licensee Date

Kelly J. Segura 7/15/13
Signature of witness # 1 Date

Mia J. Savigne 7/15/13
Signature of witness # 2 Date

Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

M. Lynn Ansardi R.N. 7/23/2013
M. LYNN ANSARDI, R.N. Date
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Karolyn Jones

Handwritten signature