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In the matter of: **Heidi Ockman**
 52592 S. Evans Rd.
 Independence, LA 70443

License #930116

Date offered: **August 30, 2013**

Date offer expires: **September 19, 2013**

CONSENT ORDER

To facilitate a conclusion to the allegations against Heidi Ockman, LPN, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent order. The allegations include:

The respondent indicated on her 2013 renewal application, which was received May 29, 2013, that she was employed as an LPN, full-time with Vital Link Home Care. Upon verification with Vital Link, it was noted that she was hired as an LPN on 11/17/2008 and that her employment status was full-time. Additionally, it was noted that she worked as an LPN between the dates of February 1, 2013 and May 29, 2013.

According to additional information received from the respondent's employer, it was noted that her position was changed to insurance coordinator in February of 2013; therefore, she was not employed as an LPN as she indicated on her renewal application. Based on all information received, the respondent falsified her renewal application by indicating that she was employed as a full-time LPN.

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that **Ms. Ockman** is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969 A. 4. **(a) is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing; (c) is unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence habit, or other causes; (f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct; and §978. A. (8) B.**

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

1. **being guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing;**
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;**

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- i. **falsifying records;**
- t. **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 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 \$250.00 for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act, payable by **cashier's check or money order only** and due within **thirty (30) days** of the acceptance of this order.

Furthermore, the respondent is hereby notified and by signature Heidi Ockman 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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CONSENT ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, Heidi Ockman, 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.

Heidi Ockman 9/12/13
Signature of licensee Date

M. Lynn Kolesch RN 9/12/13
Signature of witness # 1 Date

Sandra Jones 9/12/13
Signature of witness # 2 Date

Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

M. Lynn Ansardi RN 9/20/13
M. LYNN ANSARDI Date
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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