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November 8, 2013

Jimmie Carnegie  
15 Davis Lake Road  
Rayville, LA 71269

Dear Ms. Carnegie:

Enclosed you will find your board order.

You may also go to the Board's website at [www.lsbpne.com](http://www.lsbpne.com), at any time to review the Administrative Code pertaining to practical nurses.

If you have any questions or concerns you should submit them in writing to the board office, please include your current address and telephone number with your request.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS  
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Executive Director

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**In the matter of: Jimmie Carnegie**  
**License # 290468**  
**D.O.B. 8-30-1976**

This cause having come to be heard at a formal hearing conducted at the board office on May 17, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. upon the complaint filed in this matter.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

During the Formal Hearing process, the following facts were confirmed:

1. The respondent was licensed as a practical nurse in Louisiana on March 19, 2009.
2. On January 23, 2012, the respondent completed her 2012 license renewal application and answered yes to the question H, which asked: "SINCE YOUR LAST RENEWAL, HAVE YOU: Been arrested, charged, convicted of, plead guilty or no contest and/or nolo contendere or been sentenced for any criminal offense in any state? (Note: even though an arrest or conviction has been pardoned, expunged, dismissed or deferred and your civil rights have been restored, you must answer 'YES' and submit a detailed written statement and certified copies of the criminal record(s) within 10 days of today." (exhibit B-1 – C-2)

The respondent reported she was arrested on August 31, 2011, for DWI (exhibit D) and enrolled in the district attorney's pretrial intervention program which required substance abuse counseling. (exhibits E-3 and E-8) However, the respondent failed to report that she was also arrested for the following charges: (exhibit G-14)

- 2007 – Assault
- 8/2011 – disturbing the peace; drunk in public

3. The respondent also answered yes to question I, which asked: "SINCE YOUR LAST RENEWAL, HAVE YOU: Had any disciplinary action, consent order or settlement imposed, including entering a chemical impaired program, or is any disciplinary action pending on your license in any state (including Louisiana)? (NOTE: if yes, you must submit a detailed written statement and a certified copy of Order/Settlement/Agreement within 10 days of today). (exhibits B-1 and C-2)

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The respondent reported to Palmetto (exhibit G-13) that on October 6, 2011, she had a severe drug reaction that she vaguely remembers. She reported remembering leaving her kids at home and being called back to care for them. She was inebriated and spent several hours trying to secure a car and sober up from a vodka and methamphetamine binge. When she arrived at home she was confronted by her family, ran away from the situation and ended up at Brentwood two days later. The respondent received treatment from October 8, 2011, to October 17, 2011. Upon discharge she was referred to Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center. (exhibits G-13 through G-16)

4. On October 17, 2011, the respondent entered Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center. This was the third treatment experience for the respondent. She reported her drugs of choice as vodka and Methamphetamine. (exhibits G-1 through G-98)
5. The respondent reported a drug history as follows:
  - Alcohol. Her first use was at age 6. She was a daily drinker for one year, 2 pints of vodka and a 6 pack of beer a day. Her last use was October 7, 2011.
  - Methamphetamine. Her first use was at age 17. She was a daily user for 10 months, one gram a day. Her last use was October 8, 2011.
  - Ecstasy. Her first use was at age 24. She would use once every 6 months, 2-3 tablets. Her last use was July, 2011.
  - Crack Cocaine. Her first use was at age 24. She would use on binges every 4-5 months, a "couple of hits" a night. Her last use was September, 2011.
  - Vyvanse. Her first use was at age 31. She was taking 120 mg every day. Her last use was October 7, 2011.
  - (exhibits G-13 through G-16)
6. The respondent's assessment diagnosis included the following:

AXIS I:	Primary 303.90	Alcohol Dependence
AXIS I:	Secondary 291.8	Alcohol Withdrawal
AXIS I:	Secondary 291.8	Alcohol –Induced Mood Disorder
AXIS I:	Primary 304.40	Amphetamine Dependence
AXIS I:	Secondary 292.89	Amphetamine-Induced Sleep Disorder
AXIS I:	Primary 304.20	Cocaine Dependence
AXIS I:	Secondary 296.32	Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent Moderate
AXIS II:	Traits 301.50	Histrionic Personality Disorder
AXIS II:	Traits 301.7	Antisocial Personality Disorder
AXIS II:	Traits 301.82	Avoidant Personality Disorder
AXIS II:	Traits 301.6	Dependent Personality Disorder

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AXIS III: General Medical Condition GERD, Hypertension, Dyslipidemia  
AXIS IV: Other Psychosocial problems, Licensing problems, Legal problems,  
Denial, Depression, Parenting Problems, FOO, ACOA, Isolation, Lack of  
Healthy Social and support group  
AXIS V Current 40 (Moderate Life Stressors)  
AXIS V Highest in Year 50 (Moderate Life Stressors)  
It was recommended that the respondent complete 90-100 days of  
inpatient treatment, but failed to do so.  
(exhibits G-16 through G-17).

7. During treatment the respondent was required to submit one secret a day until she was instructed to stop. On November 1, 2011, the respondent's secret was that she had honestly considered drowning her children because she was tired of the responsibility of having to take care of them. (exhibit G-41)
8. On December 2, 2011, the respondent was discharged after completing 46 days of residential treatment for chemical dependency due to her insurance ending. The respondent was expected to attend 90 meetings in 90 days immediately following discharge, to maintain weekly contacts and continue working the 12 steps with her sponsor. The respondent was discharged to Monroe Intensive Outpatient Program but stated she was going home instead. (exhibit G-92)
9. Shirley Jones, Registered Addiction Counselor, Northeast LA. Substance Abuse Clinic, testified at the hearing indicating that the respondent has not followed through with her treatment recommendations. When asked if the respondent developed sufficient coping skills to deal with her addiction, she testified, "not enough to continue staying clean and sober". (pg. 18 lines 7-19 of the hearing transcript)
10. On March 2, 2012, the board mailed correspondence to the respondent requesting additional information, requiring she submit to state and FBI criminal background record checks and submit her treatment records from Brentwood Behavioral Health Unit. (exhibit I-1 through I-6)
11. On April 24, 2012, the board suspended the respondent's practical nursing license for failure to respond to the board's request for information. (exhibit J-1)
12. The respondent admitted to all the allegations contained in the formal complaint. (exhibit K-1 through K-3)

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13. To date, the respondent has failed to submit the information previously requested including both her state and FBI criminal background records. (exhibits I-1 through I-6)
14. To date, the respondent has failed to follow through with the treatment recommendations recommended by her assessor(s).

**JURISDICTION**

The board has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. According to the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart I, Section 306 T. §306. 4. a licensed practical nurse must not violate any provisions of the Nurse Practice Act. Section 4. states that a licensed practical nurse cannot be habitually addicted to the use of habit forming drugs.

The uncontested evidence presented shows that the licensee has an addiction to numerous controlled and illegal substances, including alcohol. Her history demonstrates that on numerous occasions, she failed to follow the treatment recommendations of her assessor(s), to treat her drug habit.

2. According to the Section §306. 3. a licensed practical nurse cannot be unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other causes.

It is clear by the evidence presented and undisputed that the respondent is unfit and incompetent because of her habitual drug use/abuse and her defiance by not following the recommended treatment plan.

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);

- (b) is guilty of a crime;**
- (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 provisions of this Part; and**

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978 A (8) Violate any provisions of this Part and B.

As further defined in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart 1, Sections § 306 T.

2. being guilty of a crime;
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;
5. being mentally incompetent;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
  - a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;
  - n. being convicted of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of the nurse to practice practical nursing with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding including, but not limited to, expungement or nonadjudication or pardon;
  - o. being guilty of moral turpitude;
  - 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 nursing;
  - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

## ORDER

The matter of **Jimmie Carnegie, license #290468**, on November 8, 2013, came on for final action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, <sup>www.lsbone.com</sup> that the license of the respondent, Jimmie Carnegie, license #290468 be

**REVOKED  
AND**

1. That the respondent is hereby assessed a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00, payable by money order/cashier's check only, and within 90 days from the date of this board order.
2. That the respondent is hereby fined \$500.00, payable by money order/cashier's check only, and within 90 days from the date of this board order.

**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.

Rendered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013 and signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013 at Metairie, Louisiana.



MYRON L. COLLINS, LPN  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rendered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, and mailed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt #7008 1830 0004 1798 3331 and regular mail to the following address:

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