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November 8, 2013

Tiffany Eleazer
1118 Anderson Dr.
Leesville, LA 71446

FILE COPY

Dear Ms. Eleazer:

Enclosed you will find your board order.

You may also go to the Board's website at 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: Tiffany Eleazer
License # 260647
D.O.B. 9/30/1981

This cause having come to be heard at a formal hearing conducted at the board office on July 12, 2013, 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 the state of Louisiana on June 29, 2006.
2. On October 9, 2012, the Leesville Police Department received information that the respondent was taking prescription medications from her employer, Leesville Rehabilitation Hospital, without authorization and distributing the medications from her home and vehicle during her lunch hour.

On this same date, the Leesville Police Department charged the respondent with possession of schedule II, possession of schedule III, possession of schedule IV all with intent to distribute. During a search of her home, non-narcotic and numerous narcotic drugs were located. The majority of the narcotics were still in blister packs identified with patients' names. Over 500 tablets were removed from the respondent's home and vehicle. The narcotic drugs removed included 60 Oxycodone tablets, 111 Hydrocodone tablets, 14 Lorazepam tablets and 59 Oxycontin tablets.

The respondent told the officers that she had been taking the medications for a long time and was selling them. As of July 12, 2013, the charge is still pending with the court.

3. On November 29, 2012, the respondent's license was suspended for failing to respond to the board's request for information.
4. On April 22, 2013, the respondent was arrested by the Vernon Parish Narcotic Task Force and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana. As of July 12, 2013, the felony charge is still pending with the court.

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5. On July 8, 2013, the board received a ^{www.lsbone.com} response form from the respondent (exhibit H-1), admitting to the allegations contained in the formal complaint and notifying the board that she would not appear at the scheduled hearing. She was notified of the hearing properly and timely.

JURISDICTION

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII, Chapter 3 §306.
2. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance violates the LAC, Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII, Chapter 3 §306. T.
3. Willfully committing the act of wrongful intent by dishonesty in the duties of an LPN demonstrates a severe deviation from professional standards. Ms. Eleazer did act with a general lack of integrity with the purpose of deceit.
4. The LAC states that failure to practice nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected is a violation of R.S. 37.961. Ms. Eleazer's admission of misappropriation of drugs violates the trust and confidence placed upon her by her patients and employer.
5. The arrest on April 22, 2013, in which she was charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, demonstrates Ms. Eleazer's disregard of the Nurse Practice Act and drug laws of the state of Louisiana.

The board concludes that it is well established that Ms. Eleazer has for years practiced as an LPN with disregard for professional standards expected. She has improperly used drugs and medical supplies of her patients and employer. She has demonstrated a lack of conscience in her professional duties.

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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;**
- (f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
- (g) has violated any provisions of this Part; and**

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;**
- 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;**
 - d. **violating the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning a patient;**
 - g. **improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**
 - h. **misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;**
 - 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 Tiffany Eleazer, license #260647, on November, 2013, 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, Tiffany Eleazer, license #260647 be

**REVOKED
AND**

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1. The respondent is hereby 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.
2. The respondent is hereby assessed a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00, payable by cashier's check or money order only, and payable within 90 days of 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 8th day of November, 2013, and signed this 8th day of November, 2013, at Metairie, Louisiana.

Myra L. Collins LPN

MYRA COLLINS, LPN
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

M. Lynn Ansardi RN

M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mailed this 8th day of November, 2013, by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt #7011 3500 0001 1842 6861 and regular mail to the following address:

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