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In the matter of: **Cheryl Thompson**
20490 Bud James Lane
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

License #220340

Date offered: **November 20, 2013**

Date offer expires: **December 20, 2013**

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CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER

To facilitate a conclusion to the allegations against Cheryl Thompson, license #220340 the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent order. The allegations include:

1. The board received a report indicating the respondent was arrested 5/26/11 for drug possession. However, in reviewing her renewal application for her 2012 practical nursing license, she answered "NO" to question H, on her renewal application: 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 attach a detailed written statement and certified copies of the criminal record(s)).
2. The respondent submitted certified court documents to the board indicating that the charge for drug possession was dismissed on 08/26/2011.
3. The board received information from the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office that the respondent was arrested on 05/16/09 for outstanding warrants for 3 counts of forgery (felony), failure to appear twice and no seat belt-1st offense. However, in reviewing her renewal application for her 2010 practical nursing license, she answered "NO" to question H, on your renewal application: 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 attach a detailed written statement and certified copies of the criminal record(s)).

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4. According to information received from the City of Kenner, as of 7/30/13, the respondent had an active attachment for failing to appear on 7/27/2011 regarding charges for:
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5. The respondent submitted certified court documents to the board indicating that the charges for 3 counts of forgery were rejected by the District Attorney's office. She also submitted documents indicating that she pled guilty to the charges of NO LICENSE PLATES and OWNER TO SECURE REGISTRATION and evidence that all fines were paid.
6. Additionally, the board received information from Pontchartrain Health Care Centre that the respondent was terminated on 9/20/2012, due to personal conflicts interfering with her work performance and ability to report to work for scheduled shifts. According to records, the respondent was suspended without pay on 8/11/10 and 8/12/10 for tardiness. On 1/27/11, she was written up for improper handling of medication because she left a bottle of hydrocodone in another resident's room. On 9/6/12, the respondent was written up for habitual tardiness and failing to report to work on 8/31, 9/1, and 9/2.
7. The respondent admitted to the allegations regarding her employment at Pontchartrain Health Care Center. She indicated that during her medication pass she was called to tend to an emergency in another resident's room to assist with a resident who had pulled his entire feeding tube out. She set the medication down to assist and left the bottle of hydrocodone. She was counseled regarding this incident and remained employed.

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that Ms. Thompson 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;
- (b) is guilty of a crime;
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 - 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 is hereby fined **\$500.00** for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act, payable by cashier's check or money order only, payable within ninety (90) days from the date of this order.


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3. The respondent must satisfactorily complete courses in the following areas:

- Medication Errors and How to Avoid Them
- Patient Advocacy and Ethical Nursing Practice
- Patient Safety

Evidence of Completion of courses must be submitted to the Board office within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this order.

The respondent is hereby notified and by signature Cheryl Smith Thompson 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

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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 within ninety (90) days of the date of this order. The respondent must satisfactorily complete courses and submit evidence to the board within ninety (90) days of the date of this order.

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.

M. Lynn Ansardi

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 Executive Director

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CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE S.B.P.N.E

I, **Cheryl Thompson**, 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 this agreement shall constitute as public record and is considered disciplinary action by the board. I also understand that this action will be reported as mandated to all state and federal agencies.

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 this agreement.

I voluntarily agree to sign and have witnessed the terms of this agreement 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 agreement. 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 this agreement.

I understand that this agreement is effective immediately upon signature of the executive director and will become an order of the board. It is understood that this agreement does not preclude the Board of Practical Nurse Examiners from requiring a formal hearing of my case. I further understand that should this agreement not be accepted by the board, I agree that presentation to and consideration of this agreement, the documenting evidence and information obtained 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.

I further agree that if at any point during the execution of this agreement, I violate the stipulations set forth, my license will be suspended. In order for my license to be reinstated, I must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the board that I pose no danger to the practice of nursing or to the public and that I can safely and competently perform the duties of a practical nurse. The board, in reinstating my license, will require a period of probation, along with supportive conditions or stipulations as outlined in this agreement to ensure that patients and the public are protected.

Cheryl Smith Thompson
Signature of licensee/applicant

11-28-13
Date

Cheryl Thompson
Signature of witness #1

11-28-13
Date

Jordan Patterson
Signature of witness #2

11-28-13
Date

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M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12/3/13
Date

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