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**In the matter of:** Casey Sertuche  
 868 Percy Burns Road  
 Springhill, LA 71075

**License #270732**

**Date offered:** December 26, 2013

**Date offer expires:** January 26, 2014

### **CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER**

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent agreement/order to Casey Sertuche, license #270732, based on the following:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The respondent's employment was terminated with Springhill Medical Center due to the lack of clinical judgement which compromised patient safety and lack of assessment/interventions in the care of two patients. There was concern that the respondent's prescribed medication was affecting her judgement after the respondent received a patient from the I.C.U., who was at high risk for falls and failed to implement precautions on the patient which resulted in a fall. The respondent received a second patient and failed to complete an assessment. The respondent was seen by the Private Practice of Shreveport and determined that she did not meet DSM IV substance abuse criteria. The respondent also provided a letter from her family physician indicating she was safe to practice practical nursing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that Ms. Sertuche (respondent) is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969 A. 4.

- (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;

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**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.

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;**
  - 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 in the matter, the respondent consents to accept and abide by the following orders of the board:

That the respondent's license be placed on probation for a minimum period of one (1) year with the following stipulations:

1. **License:**
  - A. The license of the respondent will be stamped "PROBATION".
  - B. The respondent shall return his/her current practical nursing license to the board office with the signed agreement, so the license can be stamped with the mandatory probation stamp.
2. **Obey all laws:**
  - A. The respondent shall obey all laws/rules governing the practice of practical nursing in this state and obey all federal, state, and local laws.
  - B. The respondent shall report to the board within ten (10) days any misdemeanor and/or felony arrest(s) or conviction(s).
3. **Fines/Fees:**
  - A. 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, due within 90 days from the date this order is executed.

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- B. The respondent is to submit a \$500.00 annual probation monitoring fee, **payable by cashier's check or money order only.**
- C. The probation monitoring fee is due within **three (3) months** of receiving a probated license and annually thereafter until the probation is satisfactorily completed.
- D. Failure to pay this fine/fee in the time allotted will result in the immediate suspension of the respondent's practical nursing license.
4. **Notify board of change of address/telephone number/employment:**
- A. The respondent shall notify the board in writing within **ten (10) days** of any change in personal address, telephone number, or employment. Changes in employment include accepting a new job, as well as resignation, or termination.
5. **Employment:**
- A. The respondent shall provide a copy of the entire board order/consent order including the findings of fact and conclusions of law immediately to any/all current employer(s) and at the time of application to any/all prospective employer(s).
- i. If the respondent is already employed as an lpn, the respondent and the current employer shall enter into the board's **Employer's Agreement** (form(s) issued by board). The signed form(s) shall be submitted to the board office within **ten (10) days** of the date of this order.
  - ii. Upon obtaining new employment as an lpn, the respondent shall enter into the board's **Employer's Agreement** (form(s) issued by board) with the prospective employer. The signed form(s) shall be submitted to the board office within **ten (10) days** of the date of hire.
- B. All current and prospective employers must agree to allow the respondent's direct supervisor to monitor the respondent while on probation as well as timely submission of evaluations.
- C. Probation will run concurrent with employment as an lpn.
- D. The respondent must be employed a minimum of 80 hours per month.

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- E. The probationary period will not commence or progress until and unless the respondent is employed and delivering direct patient care as a licensed practical nurse.
- F. Failure to maintain stable employment may be grounds for termination of probation.
- G. The respondent must practice under the supervision of a nurse (rn or lpn) or physician, whose license is unencumbered, and must provide direct patient care as follows:
- i. The respondent must be supervised on a regular and consistent basis by his/her assigned supervisor. The supervisor must observe and work closely enough with the respondent to be able to give an informed evaluation of the respondent. The employer must be willing to allow this supervision and provide opportunities for the same supervisor to evaluate the performance of the respondent.
  - ii. It is the respondent's responsibility to ensure that his/her supervisor submits the evaluation reports quarterly.
    - a. Reports are due on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, April, July, and October of each year. (Note: these forms will be provided to the employer)
    - b. Only the respondent's direct supervisor may complete the evaluations according to the observations made during the supervision.
- H. The respondent is prohibited from working in temporary staffing, as an agency nurse, for a nursing pool and/or in the home health setting, or in any other similar setting including but not limited to working in a teaching capacity, as a travel nurse and/or on an "as needed" basis - prn.
- I. Upon obtaining a prescription for controlled/abuse potential substance(s) while holding a probated license, the respondent is responsible for informing his/her employer within three (3) days of the date of the prescription(s).

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6. **Select one primary pharmacy:**

- A. The respondent shall notify the board of the name, address, and telephone number of his/her selected pharmacy within **ten (10) days** of the date this order is executed. If the respondent acquires a new pharmacy, written notification must be received within **ten (10) days** of the first use.

7. **Select one primary care physician:**

- A. The respondent shall notify the board within **ten (10) days** from the date this order is executed, the name, address and telephone number of his/her selected primary care physician. The physician must hold an unencumbered license. All medical care received by the respondent for the duration of this order shall be furnished by the primary care physician or by the referral of the primary physician with the exception of emergency care. In the event emergency medical care is necessary, the respondent must notify the board within **three (3) days** from the date the emergency care was rendered if the treatment included administration of mood-altering, controlled, or addictive substances.
- B. The respondent shall execute the **Release of Information Form** to allow the primary care physician/referred specialist to communicate with and supply information to the board.

8. **Abstain from unauthorized drug use and controlled/abuse potential substances**

The respondent shall abstain at all times from the use of controlled or abuse potential substances and illegal drugs as defined by law, except as prescribed by the primary care physician from whom he/she seeks medical attention.

The respondent shall not consume hemp, poppy seeds, or any product or by-product containing the same, nor shall the respondent consume any product(s) containing alcohol, if it is stipulated that the respondent must abstain from alcohol.

- A. The respondent shall present a copy of his/her board order/consent order to include the findings of fact and conclusions of law to their primary care physician/referred specialist at the time of obtaining a prescription for controlled/abuse potential substances.

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- B. In the event the respondent obtains a prescription from their primary care physician/referred specialist for any controlled/abuse potential substance, **the respondent shall submit a copy of the prescription to the board within 48 hours.** The prescription must be for a current condition. The respondent must not arbitrarily take medications prescribed for a past illness or take a medication that is prescribed for another person.

No medications from a prescription over **six (6) months old** will be accepted without an updated prescription verification. Using prescribed medication(s) over **six (6) months old** without an updated verification is grounds for further disciplinary action as stated in this order.

- C. The respondent's primary care physician/referred specialist must complete the board's **Medication Form** for controlled medication(s)/abuse potential substances, and the **Board Order Acknowledgement Form**. He/she must submit the forms within **ten (10) days** of the date of the prescription directly to the board office. The forms must come from the provider to the board office by mail. **They may not pass through the respondent's hands. THEY MAY NOT BE SENT BY FACSIMILE.**

The **Medication Form** must contain the identification of the primary care physician/referred specialist along with the condition(s) being treated and the prescription(s) ordered. The condition that warrants the medication must be identified.

If prescription medications are refilled, the board must also have a letter from the primary care physician/referred specialist attesting to the continued need for the medication(s) and the **Medication Form** must be updated every **six (6) months**. The form is required to be re-submitted to the board at that time directly from the primary care physician/referred specialist.

The primary care physician/referred specialist must acknowledge in writing and by documenting on the **Medication Form** that said provider has knowledge of the respondent's dependency and/or use of controlled or abuse potential substances. The provider must identify the medication, dosage, and the date the medication was prescribed. **The practitioner must state whether the medication(s) being prescribed will negatively impact the respondent's ability to perform his/her nursing duties.**

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- D. In the event of an emergency or referral to a specialist by the primary care physician the respondent must notify the emergency care provider and/or specialist of any/all medication already being prescribed. Should the respondent obtain any prescriptions from the emergency care provider and/or specialist for controlled medication(s)/abuse potential substance(s) the respondent shall inform his/her primary care physician. Each prescriber/physician/specialist must submit a letter to the board office indicating they are aware that the respondent is being prescribed controlled medication(s)/abuse potential substance(s) by the other provider(s) and include the reason(s). These notices must be received at the board office within **ten (10) days** of the date of the prescription(s) and must include a list of medication(s) being prescribed by each physician.
- E. The respondent, if enrolled in aftercare, shall inform the aftercare counselor of any/all prescriptions, and the aftercare counselor must submit a letter to the board within **ten (10) days** of the prescription date indicating that they are aware of any/all prescriptions.

Failure to follow these procedures when obtaining a prescription may be grounds for further disciplinary action as stated in this order.

The respondent is hereby notified and by signature Casey Sertuche acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with the orders of the board may result in any or all of the following:

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## Violations

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 g) revocation.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY SECTION OF THIS ORDER RELATED TO DRUG SCREENS, TREATMENT PLANS, AND/OR REGARDING ABUSE POTENTIAL PRESCRIPTION AND/OR ILLEGAL DRUGS MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF UP TO A FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD WITHOUT A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD.** During the period of suspension, if related to substance abuse, appropriate consistent treatment must be obtained, and the respondent must show evidence of **two (2) consecutive years** of being drug/alcohol free immediately prior to the respondent's initiation of a reinstatement request. If during the **two (2) consecutive years** of sobriety the respondent relapses, the **two (2) consecutive years** of sobriety will re-start on the date of the relapse occurrence, provided that the respondent is in treatment.

## 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.

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### CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, Casey Sertuche, 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.

Casey Sertuche  
Signature of licensee/applicant

1/20/2014  
Date

Doreet Secaus  
Signature of witness #1

1-20-14  
Date

James L. Lewis Jr  
Signature of witness #2

1/20/14  
Date

M Lynn Ansardi RN  
M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1.22.2014  
Date

Casey Sertuche  
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