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In the matter of: **Anna Gould**
 6846 Earl Ellender Rd.
 Sulphur, LA 70665

License #202504

Date offered: **April 30, 2014**

Date offer expires: **May 21, 2014**

CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent agreement/order to **Anna Gould, license #202504**, based on the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The board received the respondent's narrative statement indicating that she did not work as an LPN without a current license. According to her statement, she has worked in radiology at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital as an ultrasound technician. Verification of her employment with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital indicates that the respondent was hired as an LPN on September 19, 2000, and that she last worked as an LPN in October of 2000.
2. Based on the respondent's narrative statement, verification from her employer and review of her renewal applications with the board, the respondent falsified her renewal applications for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The respondent indicated on all of these renewal applications that she was employed as an LPN in a full-time capacity since 05/01/2001 (date hired as an LPN).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that **Ms. Gould** 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;**
- (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. 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;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
 - a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;
 - 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. The respondent shall be issued a letter of reprimand as disciplinary action against the respondent's license for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act.
2. The respondent is hereby fined **\$500.00** for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act, payable by **cashier's check or money order only**, due within **ninety (90) days** from the date of this order.
3. The respondent shall satisfactorily complete a board approved refresher course prior to renewal of her practical nursing license.

The respondent is hereby notified and by signature Anna Gould C.A. 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

In the matter of: **Anna Gould**
6846 Earl Ellender Rd.
Sulphur, LA 70665

License #202504

Date: **April 30, 2014**

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners hereby issues this letter of reprimand against **Anna Gould, license #202504**, based on the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The board received the respondent's narrative statement indicating that she did not work as an LPN without a current license. According to her statement, she has worked in radiology at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital as an ultrasound technician. Verification of her employment with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital indicates that the respondent was hired as an LPN on September 19, 2000, and that she last worked as an LPN in October of 2000.
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§978 A. (8) **Violate any provisions of this Part; and B.**

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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.**

Furthermore, the respondent is hereby fined **\$500.00** for the above violations, due within **ninety (90) days** of the date of this order and complete a board approved refresher course prior to the renewal of her practical nursing license.

The board has jurisdiction over the respondent's license and hereby publicly reprimands the respondent 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 R.N.

M. Lynn Ansardi, RN
Executive Director

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CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, Anna Gould, 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.

Signature of licensee/applicant

Anna Gould

Date

5/9/14

Signature of witness #1

Andra Bourque

Date

5-9-14

Signature of witness #2

M Lynn Ansardi RN

Date

5/21/14

M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date

Anna Gould C.A.