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In the matter of: **Karen Martinez**  
**P.O. Box 173**  
**Pearl River, LA 70452**

**License #952151**

**Date offered: October 3, 2014**

**Date offer expires: October 24, 2014**

### **CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER**

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent agreement/order to **Karen Martinez, license #952151**, based on the following:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The respondent indicated on her 2014 renewal application, that she was actively employed part-time as a licensed practical nurse and that she last practiced as an LPN on 8/4/14. However, her practical nursing license expired on 1/31/2014.
2. The board received the respondent's narrative statement indicating that she did not perform hands on nursing skills, but performed medical research; however, she indicated on her application, that she was actively employed as an LPN providing direct care.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that **Ms. Martinez** 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 §978 A. (8) and B.**

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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.

Furthermore, the respondent is hereby fined \$500.00 for the above violations, due within ninety (90) days of the date of this order.

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, RN*

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Executive Director

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### CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, Karen Martinez, 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

Date

Signature of witness #1

Date

Signature of witness #2

Date

M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date

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