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**In the matter of:** Nicole Darnall  
 200 Country Club Drive  
 Pineville, LA 71360

**License #280590**

**Date offered:** November 5, 2014

**Date offer expires:** November 25, 2014

### CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent agreement/order to Nicole Darnall, license #280590, based on the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On the respondent's 2014 renewal application, she indicated that she was employed full-time as a licensed practical nurse with Family Practice Associates and that she last practiced as an LPN on 10/15/14. The respondent's employment was verified with her employer who confirmed that she was hired as an LPN on 11/26/2008, and that she was currently employed as a full-time LPN. However, her practical nursing license expired on 1/31/2014. Thus she worked without a current license to do so.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

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

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- (3) Practice practical nursing unless duly licensed to do so under the provisions of this Part;
- (4) Use in connections with his name any designation tending to imply that he is a practical nurse, unless licensed to practice under the provisions of this Part;



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- (5) Practice practical nursing during the time his license has lapsed because of his intentional failure to renew the license;  
 (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:

6. practicing practical nursing without being duly licensed to do so by the board;
7. using in connection with his/her name any designation tending to imply that he/she is a practical nurse without being duly licensed to practice by the board;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
  - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

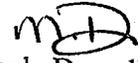
In lieu of a formal hearing on the matter, the respondent consents to accept and abide by the following orders of the board:

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.

The respondent is hereby notified and by signature Nicole Marnell Darnall 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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**CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE**

I, Nicole Darnall, 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.

Nicole Darnall

Signature of licensee/applicant

11-19-14  
Date

[Signature]

Signature of witness #1

11-19-14  
Date

Kathy Anders

Signature of witness #2

11-19-14  
Date

M. Lynn Ansardi RN

M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

11/25/14  
Date

[Signature]  
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