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March 13, 2015

Theresa Turner
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Denham Springs, LA 70726

Dear Ms. Turner:

Enclosed you will find your board order.

You may also go to the board's website at www.lsbpne.com at any time to review the administrative code pertaining to practical nurses.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should submit them in writing to the board office. Please include your current address and telephone number with your request.

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In the matter of:

Theresa Turner
License # 20140420

This cause having come to be heard at a formal hearing conducted at the board office on **February 20, 2015 at 9:45 a.m.**, upon the complaint filed in this matter.

1. The respondent was present and did give sworn testimony.

2. The following witnesses were present and testified:

- Sheila Hawkins, CNA
- James Smith, NFA
- Denise Johnson, CNA

The hearing officer found the witnesses to be credible

3. Exhibits A-I were admitted into record.

4. The hearing officer fully reviewed and considered the transcript of the hearing as prepared and certified by the court reporter, Dawn H. Hymel, CCR, who was present and recorded the hearing.

The hearing officer, having reviewed all evidence and testimony, and being fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law based on the entire record:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent was issued a license to practice practical nursing in the state of Louisiana on April 7, 2014.
2. On September 20, 2014, while employed as a licensed practical nurse with Heritage Manor of Baton Rouge, the respondent was notified of a "stat" situation. The respondent and a certified nursing assistant reported to the patient's room. The patient was "cold and pulseless". The respondent delegated the responsibility of initiating CPR to the certified nursing assistant and left the room to call for emergency transport.

The respondent called Acadian Ambulance and the physician's office. The respondent did not return to the room until EMS arrived, which was

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approximately 15 minutes after the call was placed. The respondent escorted EMS to the patient's room. The certified nursing assistant was not present and CPR had not been initiated. The patient was a full code. EMS did an assessment on the patient's condition and determined that no pulse or heart rhythm was present.

3. During the investigation it was discovered that the respondent falsified the patient's medical records. At 2:55a.m. the respondent entered a nurse's note into the electronic health record stating the following:

"resident resting in bed with eyes closed, respirations even and non-labored. No acute distress noted. Remain on neuro checks due to previous fall. Skin warm and dry to touch. Safety in progress. Will continue to monitor."

When questioned, the respondent admitted she had not seen or assessed the patient since the beginning of her shift at 10:00p.m. The respondent was terminated from the facility.

4. On October 2, 2014, the board issued an order of summary suspension against the respondent's practical nursing license.

The hearing officer found that the respondent failed to administer CPR to a patient who was a full code. The respondent stated she checked the patient and he did not have a radial pulse and was not breathing. However, she did not have a stethoscope and stated she just touched his arm and his face, which were cold. The respondent then put her hand on his chest to see if he was breathing. The respondent admitted to instructing the CNA to administer CPR and she left the room to call EMS and the physician. (Refer to the hearing transcript page 107, line 1 to page 161, line 3)

The respondent failed to utilize appropriate judgment in administering safe nursing practice. The hearing officer finds that the respondent did not take the appropriate measures to ensure the well-being of the patient.

The board has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the facts set forth in the entire record and outlined herein above, the respondent is in violation of the following:

1. The Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 37, Chapter 11, Part II, 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;

And 978 A (8) Violate any provisions of this Part and B.

2. The Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart 1, Sections § 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;
 - c. failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out nursing care;
 - i. falsifying records;
 - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;
 - k. delegating nursing care, functions, tasks, or responsibilities to others contrary to regulation;
 - p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;
 - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

ORDER

The matter of Theresa Turner license #20140420, on March 13, 2015 came on for final action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the license of the respondent, Theresa Turner license #20140420, be REVOKED and

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1. 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, payable within **90 days** from the date this order is executed.
2. The respondent is hereby assessed a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00, **payable by cashier's check or money order only**, within **90 days** of the date of this order.
3. The respondent shall return his/her current practical nursing license to the board office within **three (3) days** of the date of this order.

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.

Rendered this **13th** day of **March, 2015** and signed this **13th** day of **March, 2015** at Metairie, Louisiana.

Myron L. Collins LPN

MYRON COLLINS, LPN
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

M. Lynn Ansardi RN

M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mailed this **13th** day of **March, 2014**, by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt **#7014 2120 0003 8719 3028** and regular mail to the following address:

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