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In the matter of:

Tameka Sanders - respondent
License #240877

This cause having come to be heard at a formal hearing conducted at the board office on June 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. upon the complaint filed in this matter.

1. The respondent was present for the hearing and did give sworn testimony.
2. The following witness was called to testify by the board:
 - Riley Varnado, Criminal Investigator

The hearing officer found the witness to be credible.

3. Exhibits A-K were admitted into evidence at the hearing, as well as Respondent's Exhibits 1-5. The hearing officer fully reviewed and considered all exhibits.
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

During the formal hearing process, the following facts were confirmed:

1. The respondent was licensed as a practical nurse in the state of Louisiana on 9/9/2004.
2. The respondent self-reported that she was arrested 3/18/13, and charged with Medicaid Fraud and Filing/Maintaining False Records. The respondent admitted that she failed to report this arrest to the board, as required, upon renewal of her practical nursing license for 2014. (Exhibit B1)
3. The respondent pled guilty to the amended charge of misdemeanor theft. The court deferred the imposition of sentence in the matter for one year and placed the respondent on unsupervised probation for that period with special conditions. (Exhibit H)

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4. The board received information from the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals that the respondent received a notice of mandatory exclusion and suspension from participation in the medical assistance program for 5 years as of the date of her conviction or plea, 1/28/15. (Exhibit I)

The hearing officer found the respondent to be credible with her testimony. However, the hearing officer found her to be guilty of a crime. The respondent admitted to being guilty of moral turpitude, falsifying timesheets and committing Medicaid fraud totaling \$12,482.00.

JURISDICTION

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

The Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 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;**
- (b) **is guilty of a crime;**
- (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.

As further defined in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart 1, Sections 306 T.

- 1. **being guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing;**
- 2. **being guilty of a crime;**
- 3. **being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;**
- 8. **being guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
 - g. **improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**
 - i. **falsifying records;**

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- j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;
- n. being convicted of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of the nurse to practice practical nursing with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding including, but not limited to, expungement or nonadjudication or pardon;
- o. being guilty of moral turpitude;
- 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 **Tameka Sanders, license #240877** on **November 6, 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, **Tameka Sanders, license #240877** be

**REVOKED
AND**

1. The respondent is hereby fined \$500.00, **payable by money order or cashier's check only**, for the violations detailed in the conclusions of law, and due within **90 days** of the date of this order.
2. A hearing assessment fee of \$1000.00, **payable by money order or cashier's check only**, is to be submitted to the board 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.

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Rendered this 6th day of November, 2015 and signed this 6th day of November, 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 6th day of November, 2015, by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt #7015 0920 0001 4574 7514 and regular mail to the following address:

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