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In the matter of: **Kimberly Gilchrist**
304 Mark Street
Alexandria, LA 71303

License #890132

Date offered: **February 24, 2016**

Date offer expires: **March 16, 2016**

CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent agreement/order to **Kimberly Gilchrist, license #890132**, based on the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent was issued a license to practice practical nursing in the state of Louisiana on June 7, 1989.

2. The respondent has been employed with the Louisiana Allergy and Asthma Specialist since 2001. On January 2, 2016, the respondent submitted her 2016 renewal application. The respondent indicated that she was actively employed and "currently" practicing as a licensed practical nurse. However, the respondent's license expired on January 31, 2015, therefore she worked without a current license to do so.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that **Ms. Gilchrist** 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

§978 A.

(3) Practice practical nursing unless duly licensed to do so under the provisions of this Part;

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(4) Use in connection with his name any designation tending to imply that he is a practical nurse, unless licensed to practice under the provisions of this Part;
(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 **$1000.00** 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.

VIOLATIONS

The respondent is hereby notified and by **signature** Kimberly Gilchrist acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with the orders of the board may result in any or all of the following:

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: **Kimberly Gilchrist**
304 Mark Street
Alexandria, LA 71303

License #890132

Date: **February 24, 2016**

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners hereby issues this letter of reprimand against **Kimberly Gilchrist, license #890132**, based on the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent was issued a license to practice practical nursing in the state of Louisiana on June 7, 1989.

2. The respondent has been employed with the Louisiana Allergy and Asthma Specialist since 2001. On January 2, 2016, the respondent submitted her 2016 renewal application. The respondent indicated that she was actively employed and "currently" practicing as a licensed practical nurse. However, the respondent's license expired on January 31, 2015, therefore she worked without a current license to do so.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that **Ms. Gilchrist** 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;
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(4) Use in connection with his name any designation tending to imply that he is a practical nurse, unless licensed to practice under the provisions of this Part;
(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.

Furthermore, the respondent is hereby fined **$1000.00** for the above violations, due within **ninety (90) days** of the date of this order and complete any/all stipulations as agreed.

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.

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M. Lynn Ansardi, RN
Executive Director

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CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, **Kimberly Gilchrist,** 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.

Kimberly Gilchrist
Signature of licensee/applicant

3-10-16
Date

Sheila Pospisil
Signature of witness #1

3/10/16
Date

Christy Lee
Signature of witness #2

3-10-16
Date

M Lynn Ansardi R N
M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

3.15.16
Date

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