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June 3, 2016

**CERTIFIED MAIL
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Tyler Bruce
710 Irving Bluff Rd.
Shreveport, LA 71107

License #20130283

Dear Mr. Bruce:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners received an evaluation report dated June 24, 2015, from Mark Vigen, Ph.D. indicating that you exhibited a significant history of substance abuse. You failed to report this to the board prior to licensure. According to the evaluation, you reported that you began abusing prescription drugs at 14 years of age, alcohol at 15 years of age and illicit drugs at 16 years of age. It was noted that your drug and alcohol abuse became self-destructive and impeded your ability to fulfill your responsibilities at home and at work. You reported being fired from your first job after you were caught smoking marijuana at age 16 and that you completed one year of drug court. You failed to report this to the board as required prior to licensure. During the evaluation, you also indicated that you were fired from your employment with Pierremont Healthcare for a medication error. You stated that having access to patients' prescription medications had become a strong temptation to abuse drugs. You also admitted to stealing patients' blood pressure medication to self-medicate. At the time of the evaluation, you admitted to consuming cough syrup to get "high" and consumed it prior to psychological testing. Dr. Vigen recommended that you participate in residential treatment for drug and alcohol abuse as well as intensive outpatient treatment thereafter. It was also recommended that you participate in Alcohol Anonymous/Narcotic Anonymous four times per week for five years and participate in weekly counseling for a minimum of three years.

Records also received from University Health-Shreveport indicated that you were admitted on 6/2/15, for suicidal ideation. You reported that you had been drinking and self-medicating with dextromethorphan and had planned to drive yourself to the woods to shoot yourself. You self-reported a history of ADHD and depression. You were discharged on 6/3/15, with precautions required: danger to self, elopement, fall and seizure. You were seen again at University Health-Shreveport on 6/13/15, while in police custody. You presented with facial pain due to being sprayed in the face with pepper spray by police, and a laceration to your left hand caused by punching a car window. Once stable, you were discharged to jail with suicide precautions.

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Louisiana Revised Statutes, 49:961 (C), in pertinent part, provides: "If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to the effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." LSA-R.S. 49:961(C).

The board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your LPN license**, in accordance with the above cited authority, and hereby, issues the following order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that based on the information and/or record(s) obtained by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and a finding "that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action", in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:961(C), the LPN license of the above named respondent, **Tyler Bruce**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

M Lynn Ansardi RN

Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
M. Lynn Ansardi, RN, Executive Director

You must ***immediately*** cease and desist the practice of practical nursing and return your current practical nursing license to the board office.

The board will schedule your case for the next available formal hearing and will notify you by mail of the date and time. Moreover, the board will continue its investigation of the allegations against you, about which you will be notified by formal complaint, to determine if you are in violation of the following:

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;
4. being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
5. being mentally incompetent;
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;
 - g. improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;
 - h. misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;
 - i. falsifying records;

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- j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
- o. being guilty of moral turpitude;**
- p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;**
- q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty, or using or being under the influence of illegal drugs whether on or off duty;**
- r. possess a physical or psychological impairment which interferes with the judgment, skills or abilities required for the practice of practical nursing;**
- t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.**

Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969, et. seq.

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to the allegations.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

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M. Lynn Ansardi, R.N.
Executive Director

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