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**In the matter of:**     **Paula Mills**  
                              **4254 Hwy 182**  
                              **Opelousas, LA 70570**

**License #850234**

**Date offered:**         **April 11, 2016**

**Date offer expires:**   **April 21, 2016**

### **CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER**

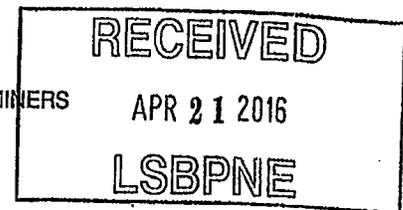
The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent agreement/order to **Paula Mills, license #850234**, based on the following:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.     On November 20, 2015, the respondent submitted her 2016 renewal application to obtain her 2016 practical nursing license. According to the respondent's responses, she indicated that she works full time as a licensed practical nurse at Louisiana Hospice & Palliative Care, Opelousas, LA from May, 2008 to November 20, 2015. However, the respondent's practical nursing license expired on January 31, 2015.
2.     On December 8, 2015, the board sent a notice to the respondent requesting that she cease and desist the practice of practical nursing without a valid license to do so and requested a detailed narrative statement concerning the allegations.
3.     According to the respondent's narrative, she worked as a Patient Care Representative since May of 2008. The position does not require a nursing license. She stated that she is a community educator and her primary role is to be a hospice information resource to the physicians, hospitals, nursing homes as well as civic groups and senior groups. She further stated that she is not in the Clinic Department and she does not provide, nor has she ever provided direct patient care in that position. The respondent's management office verifies clinic licensure of all of the clinical staff annually which is why her lapse in license renewal was not identified.

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### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that Ms. Mills is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, 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;
- (f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct;
- (g) has violated any provisions of this Part; and

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- (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;
- (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:

- 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;
  - i. falsifying records;
  - p. incomplete, 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.

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.

Paula Mills C.A.

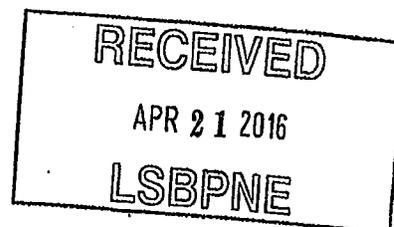
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### LETTER OF REPRIMAND

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**License #850234**

**Date: April 11, 2016**



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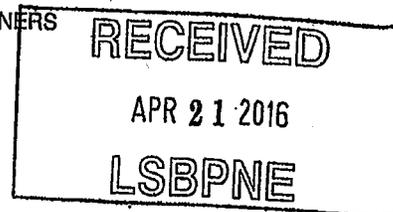
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Paula Mills C.A.

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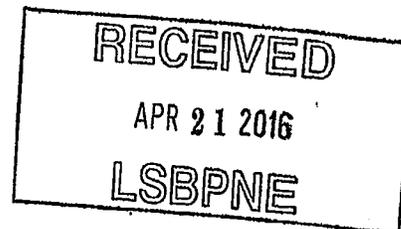
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Furthermore, the respondent is hereby fined **\$1,000.00** for the above violations, due within ninety (90) days of the date of this order and complete any/all stipulations as agreed.

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.

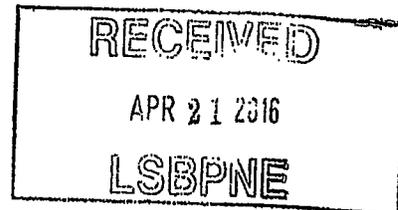
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**M. Lynn Ansardi**  
**Executive Director**



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### CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, Paula Mills, 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.

Paula Mills  
 Signature of licensee/applicant

4-19-16  
 Date

Bridget  
 Signature of witness #1

4-19-16  
 Date

Debra James  
 Signature of witness #2

4-19-16  
 Date

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

4-22-2016  
 Date



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DO NOT ACCEPT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, DO NOT ACCEPT the consent order offered  
and request to appear before the board for a formal hearing.

I am not accepting this order for the following reason(s):

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LICENSEE SIGNATURE

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WITNESSES:

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WITNESS # 1 SIGNATURE      DATE

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WITNESS # 2 SIGNATURE      DATE