IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT

VOCATIONAL NURSE

LICENSE NUMBER 212170

ISSUED TO

PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS,

RESPONDENT

SEFORE THE TEXAS

BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

ELIGIBILITY AND

SELIGIBILITY AND

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

#### ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS

3257 BERT KOUNS IND LOOP, APT# 12104

SHREVEPORT, LA 71118

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 9, 2016, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order

will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for

rehearing [22 Tex. ADMIN.Code § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this

Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically

adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number

212170, previously issued to PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be,

and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse

licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 9th day of August, 2016.

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BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment:

Formal Charge filed June 9, 2016.

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Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 212170
Issued to PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the  $\frac{\partial^{\frac{1}{2}} day}{\partial x^2}$  of  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}$ , a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS
3257 BERT KOUNS IND LOOP, APT
SHREVEPORT, LA 71118

<u>Via USPS First Class Mail</u>
PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS
5411 KRISTEN AVE

**BOSSIER CITY, LA 71112** 

PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS 5400 BARKSDALE BLVD, #1638 BOSSIER CITY, LA 71112

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Vocational Nurse	§	
License Number 212170	§	
Issued to PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS,	§	
Respondent	Š	<b>BOARD OF NURSING</b>

#### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, PAGAN LEIGH PEAKS, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 212170, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### CHARGE I.

On or about November 25, 2014, Respondent's Louisiana practical nurse license was Suspended by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, Metairie, Louisiana. On or about November 12, 2015, the Suspension was continued for a minimum of six (6) months through a Consent Agreement/Order issued by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, Metairie, Louisiana. A copy of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners' letter dated November 25, 2014, suspending Respondent's practical nursing license, and a copy of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners' Consent/Agreement Order dated November 12, 2015, are attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely

on adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct; related to Behavior Involving Lying and Falsification; and related to Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners' letter dated November 25, 2014, and Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners' Consent/Agreement Order dated November 12, 2015.

9 day of June, 20/6.

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Attachments: Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners' letter dated November 25, 2014, and Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners' Consent/Agreement Order dated November 12, 2015.

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November 25, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
7008 1830 0004 1798 3638

Pagan Peaks 5411 Kristen Ave Bossier City, LA 71112

Dear Ms. Peaks:

You have failed to respond to the board's request for information regarding allegations made against you concerning possible violations of the law regulating practical nursing. Therefore, and in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46:XLVII.306 F(3)(b), <u>your practical nursing license is hereby suspended.</u>

You may not practice as a practical nurse in the state of Louisiana while your license is suspended. You must immediately cease the practice of practical nursing. In addition, you must return your license to the Board of Practical Nurse Examiners no later than 10 days from the date of this letter. Failure to return your license and/or continuing to work while your license is suspended will result in further disciplinary action, which may include permanent revocation.

This suspension is a matter of public record and is reportable to the national disciplinary data bank and any and all other appropriate agencies, including health care employers.

After you have returned your license, you may then submit a written request for reinstatement which must include your response to the allegations made against you. In addition, you must submit a \$150.00 license reinstatement fee, payable by cashier's check or money order only.

Upon receipt of the reinstatement fee and favorable review of your response to the allegations, your license may be returned to you while the board continues its investigation.

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In the matter of:

Pagan Peaks

5400 Barksdale Blvd. #1638

Bossier City, LA 71112

I certify this to be a true copy of the records on file with the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

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Executive Dir

License #270063

Date offered:

October 5, 2015

Date offer expires:

October 30, 2015

#### **CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER**

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent agreement/order to <u>Pagan Peaks</u>, <u>license #270063</u> based on the following:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The respondent was issued a license to practice practical nursing in the state of Louisiana on January 18, 2007.
- 2. On November 4, 2014, while employed at the Guest Care Center at Spring Lake, the respondent admitted to diverting approximately 75 oxycodone tablets from the facility for self-use. The respondent was terminated from the facility.
- 3. On November 5, 2014, the respondent was charged with Prohibited Acts: obtaining CDS by deception.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that Ms. Peaks (respondent) is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969 A. (4):

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- (b) is guilty of a crime;
- (c) is unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence habit, or other causes;
- (d) is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit forming drugs;
- (f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct;
- (g) has violated any provisions of this Part;

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

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

- 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;
- 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;
  - h. misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;
  - 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;
  - 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 in the matter, the respondent consents to accept and abide by the following orders of the board:

That the license of the respondent, <u>Pagan Peaks</u>, <u>license #270063</u> be suspended for a minimum period of six (6) months from the date of this notice.

During this suspension time, the respondent must abide by the following stipulations:

#### 1. Return license to the board office:

- A. The respondent shall return his/her current practical nursing license to the board office within <u>ten (10) days</u> from the date this order is executed.
- B. The respondent shall not practice nursing during the period that his/her license is suspended.

#### 2. Obey all laws:

A. The respondent shall obey all laws/rules governing the practice of practical nursing in this state and obey all federal, state, and local laws.

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B. The respondent shall report to the board within ten (10) days any misdemeanor and/or felony arrest(s) or conviction(s).

#### 3. Notify board of change of address/telephone number:

A. The respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change in personal address or telephone number.

#### 4. Obtain the following evaluation(s):

#### chemical dependency

- A. Within thirty (30) days from the date this order is executed, the respondent shall undergo the above ordered evaluation(s). The evaluation(s) shall be conducted by a licensed certified psychologist/psychiatrist/addictionologist of the respondent's choice. The evaluation(s) shall be conducted using both objective and subjective assessment tools.
- B. Prior to the evaluation(s), the respondent shall furnish the evaluator with a copy of the board order/consent order to include the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the Board Order Acknowledgement Form. The evaluator shall verify receipt and review of these documents in the evaluation(s) of the respondent.
- C. The respondent shall execute the **Release of Information Form** to allow the evaluator to communicate with and supply information to the board.
- D. The respondent shall direct the evaluator to submit directly to the office of the board the Release of Information Form, the Board Order Acknowledgement Form and the evaluative report(s).
- E. The report of the evaluation(s) shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

i. history of chemical/alcohol use

ii. past and present treatment and/or recovery activities

iii. results of any testing conducted

iv. a summary of the findings

v. treatment plan, if applicable

vi. list of medications prescribed, if applicable

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vii. an assessment as to respondent's ability to practice safely as a practical nurse

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- F. The respondent shall satisfactorily complete any and all recommendations made by the evaluator. If treatment or therapy is recommended, the respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the evaluator's report, initiate all treatment and/or therapeutic activities. If treatment or therapy is recommended, the respondent shall submit to the board the name and credentials of the therapists and/or the name and address of the treatment facilities.
- G. The respondent shall undergo subsequent evaluations by a board approved psychologist/psychiatrist/addictionologist if requested by the board following a relapse or for other <u>related</u> causes.

#### 5. Participate in any and all treatment/aftercare programs as prescribed:

- A. The respondent shall enroll and participate in board approved treatment/aftercare programs as prescribed or recommended by the chemical addiction/psychological evaluator.
- B. The respondent shall have the aftercare counselor submit to the board office proof of the respondent's entry into an appropriate facility, inpatient program, outpatient program, halfway house, residential long-term treatment, and/or a combination thereof.
- C. The respondent shall execute the <u>Release of Information Form</u> to allow the treatment facility/center/counselor/practitioner of record to communicate with and supply information to the board.
- D. The respondent shall submit evidence of **continued compliance with the treatment plan/counseling**. Treatment/aftercare compliance must be maintained throughout the duration of this order or until treatment is deemed complete.
- E. The respondent shall cause the aftercare counselor to submit quarterly to the board office progress reports indicating compliance with treatment recommendations. Reports are due on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, April, July, and October of each year until treatment is deemed complete.
- F. Upon completion of the treatment/aftercare program(s), the respondent shall have the aftercare counselor provide the board with documentation indicating the respondent's successful completion of the program.

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#### 6. Select one primary pharmacy:

A. The respondent shall notify the board of the name, address, and telephone number of his/her selected pharmacy within <u>ten (10) days</u> of the date this order is executed. If the respondent acquires a new pharmacy, written notification must be received within <u>ten (10) days</u> of the first use.

#### 7. Select one primary care physician:

- A. The respondent shall notify the board within <u>fen (10) days</u> from the date this order is executed, the name, address and telephone number of his/her selected primary care physician. The physician must hold an unencumbered license. All medical care received by the respondent for the duration of this order shall be furnished by the primary care physician or by the referral of the primary physician with the exception of emergency care. In the event emergency medical care is necessary, the respondent must notify the board within <u>three (3) days</u> from the date the emergency care was rendered if the treatment included administration of mood-altering, controlled, or addictive substances.
- B. The respondent shall execute the <u>Release of Information Form</u> to allow the primary care physician/referred specialist to communicate with and supply information to the board.

#### 8. Abstain from unauthorized drug use and controlled/abuse potential substances

The respondent shall abstain at all times from the use of controlled or abuse potential substances and illegal drugs as defined by law, except as prescribed by the primary care physician from whom he/she seeks medical attention.

The respondent shall not consume hemp, poppy seeds, or any product or by-product containing the same, nor shall the respondent consume any product(s) containing alcohol, if it is stipulated that the respondent must abstain from alcohol.

A. The respondent shall present a copy of his/her board order/consent order to include the findings of fact and conclusions of law to their primary care physician/referred specialist at the time of obtaining a prescription for controlled/abuse potential substances.

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B. In the event the respondent obtains a prescription from their primary care physician/referred specialist for any controlled/abuse potential substance, the respondent shall submit a copy of the prescription to the board within 48 hours. The prescription must be for a current condition. The respondent must not arbitrarily take medications prescribed for a past illness or take a medication that is prescribed for another person.

No medications from a prescription over six (6) months old will be accepted without an updated prescription verification. Using prescribed medication(s) over six (6) months old without an updated verification is grounds for further disciplinary action as stated in this order.

C. The respondent's primary care physician/referred specialist must complete the board's Medication Form for controlled medication(s)/abuse potential substances, and the Board Order Acknowledgement Form. He/she must submit the forms within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription directly to the board office. The forms must come from the provider to the board office by mail. They may not pass through the respondent's hands. THEY MAY NOT BE SENT BY FACSIMILE.

The Medication Form must contain the identification of the primary care physician/referred specialist along with the condition(s) being treated and the prescription(s) ordered. The condition that warrants the medication must be identified.

If prescription medications are refilled, the board must also have a letter from the primary care physician/referred specialist attesting to the continued need for the medication(s) and the **Medication Form** must be updated every six (6) months. The form is required to be re-submitted to the board at that time directly from the primary care physician/referred specialist.

The primary care physician/referred specialist must acknowledge in writing and by documenting on the Medication Form that said provider has knowledge of the respondent's dependency and/or use of controlled or abuse potential substances. The provider must identify the medication, dosage, and the date the medication was prescribed. The practitioner must state whether the medication(s) being prescribed will negatively impact the respondent's ability to perform his/her nursing duties.

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- D. In the event of an emergency or referral to a specialist by the primary care physician the respondent must notify the emergency care provider and/or specialist of any/all medication already being prescribed. Should the respondent obtain any prescriptions from the emergency care provider and/or specialist for controlled medication(s)/abuse potential substance(s), the respondent shall inform his/her primary care physician. Each prescriber/physician/specialist must submit a letter to the board office indicating they are aware that the respondent is being prescribed controlled medication(s)/abuse potential substance(s) by the other provider(s) and include the reason(s). These notices must be received at the board office within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription(s) and must include a list of medication(s) being prescribed by each physician.
- E. The respondent, if enrolled in aftercare, shall inform the aftercare counselor of any/all prescriptions, and the aftercare counselor must submit a letter to the board within ten (10) days of the prescription date indicating that they are aware of any/all prescriptions.

Failure to follow these procedures when obtaining a prescription may be grounds for further disciplinary action as stated in this order.

#### 9. Enroll in a drug screening program:

- A. Within ten (10) days from the date this order is executed, the respondent shall register with the drug screening firm selected by the board. The respondent is required to call into the system immediately upon registering with the drug screening firm.
- B. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that he/she has properly registered with the drug screening firm selected by the board.
- C. The respondent shall submit to and pay for random drug and/or alcohol screens. The random testing shall be done at a minimum of once per month but may be required more frequently as requested by the board. All drug screens must be observed. The board may at any time request additional testing, including but not limited to, hair and/or blood samples.
- D. Occurrence of any of the following conditions constitutes noncompliance with this board order: 1) failure to register with the selected drug testing firm within ten (10) days from the date this order is executed; 2) a positive drug screen; 3) failure to contact the testing firm daily; 4) failure to submit a specimen on the date selected for screening; 5) refusal to furnish a specimen; 6) failure to be observed when submitting

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a specimen or reporting that the facility did not observe screening process; 7) submission of a specimen where the integrity has been compromised, as indicated by the presence of adulterants or submission of a sample that is below acceptable volume or temperature to be tested; 8) failure to follow requested procedure in obtaining a specimen.

- E. Drug screen results indicating an abnormal/dilute specimen, or a result indicating a low specific gravity with low creatinine levels will be considered positive, and non-compliant with this board order. Positive screens are grounds for further disciplinary action as stated in this order.
- F. When checking in with the drug testing company daily by telephone, the respondent must listen to the entire message. Failing to complete the call will be considered non-compliant with this order and grounds for further disciplinary action as stated in this order.
- G. Failure to properly fill out or maintain a proper chain of custody form in any way that is not accepted by the drug testing facility will be considered positive and non-compliant with the board order and grounds for further disciplinary action as stated in this order.
- H. The respondent shall adhere to all guidelines set forth by the board and the drug screening firm. The drug screening firm will report any/all violations of their guidelines, policies and procedures to the board.

#### 10. Courses:

The respondent must take and satisfactorily complete board approved courses in the following areas:

- Women & Drugs and Substance Abuse-30 CEU hrs.
- Managing Pain-30 CEU hrs.
- Nurse's Legal Handbook-30 CEU hrs.

Evidence of completion of the course(s) is due in the board office prior to any reinstatement request.

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#### 11. Fines/Fees:

- A. The respondent is hereby fined \$500.00, <u>payable by cashier's check or money</u> order only, for the violations detailed in the conclusions of law, payable within <u>90</u> days from the date this order is executed.
- B. The respondent must pay any/all fines/fees owed to the board, including a reinstatement fee, if/when applicable. Fines/fees are payable by cashier's check or money order only.

#### 12. Reinstatement requirements:

- A. All stipulations of the suspension must be successfully fulfilled prior to a request for reinstatement.
- B. The respondent is to submit a written request for reinstatement to the board office.
- C. If a chemical and/or psychological assessment was stipulated before reinstatement can be considered, the provider who conducted the original assessment must submit a letter to the board office indicating that he/she feels the respondent can safely return to the practice of practical nursing and under what conditions (i.e., recommendations for on going treatment and a list of medications being prescribed). If the assessment includes a treatment plan, evidence of compliance with this plan must also be submitted to the board.

Upon favorable review of the reinstatement request, the license of the respondent may then be placed on probation for a minimum period of <u>two (2) years</u>. During this probationary period the respondent shall follow stipulations #2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as stipulated above and the following stipulations as stipulated below:

1. License:

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A. The license of the respondent will be stamped "PROBATION".

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#### 2. Fines/Fees:

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- A. The respondent is to submit a \$500.00 annual probation monitoring fee, <u>payable by</u> cashier's check or money order only.
- B. The probation monitoring fee is due within <u>three (3) months</u> of receiving a probated license, and annually thereafter until the probation is satisfactorily completed.

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C. Failure to pay this fee in the time allotted will result in the immediate suspension of the respondent's practical nursing license.

#### 3. Employment:

- A. The respondent shall provide a copy of the entire board order/consent order including the findings of fact and conclusions of law immediately to any/all current employer(s) and at the time of application to any/all prospective employer(s).
  - i. If the respondent is already employed as an lpn, the respondent and the current employer shall enter into the board's **Employer's Agreement** (form(s) issued by board). The signed form(s) shall be submitted to the board office within **ten (10) days** from the date this order is executed.
  - ii. Upon obtaining new employment as an lpn, the respondent shall enter into the board's **Employer's Agreement** (form(s) issued by board) with the prospective employer. The signed form(s) shall be submitted to the board office within **ten (10) days** of the date of hire.
- B. All current and prospective employers must agree to allow the respondent's direct supervisor to monitor the respondent while on probation as well as timely submission of evaluations.
- C. Probation will run concurrent with employment as an lpn.

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D. The respondent must be employed a minimum of 80 hours per month.

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- E. The probationary period will not commence or progress until and unless **L.S.B.P.N.**! respondent is employed and delivering direct patient care as a licensed practical nurse.
- F. Failure to maintain stable employment may be grounds for termination of probation.
- G. The respondent must practice under the supervision of a nurse (m or lpn) or physician whose license is unencumbered and must provide direct patient care as follows:
  - i. The respondent must be supervised on a regular and consistent basis by his/her assigned supervisor. The supervisor must observe and work closely enough with the respondent to be able to give an informed evaluation of the respondent. The employer must be willing to allow this

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supervision and provide opportunities for the same supervisor to evaluate the performance of the respondent.

- ii. It is the respondent's responsibility to ensure that his/her supervisor submits the evaluation reports quarterly.
  - a. Reports are due on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, April, July, and October of each year. (Note: these forms will be provided to the employer)
  - b. Only the respondent's direct supervisor may complete the evaluations according to the observations made during the supervision.
- H. The respondent is prohibited from working in temporary staffing, as an agency nurse, for a nursing pool and/or in the home health setting, or in any other similar setting including but not limited to working in a teaching capacity, as a travel nurse and/or on an "as needed" basis prn.
- I. The respondent shall notify the board in writing within <u>ten (10) days</u> of any change in employment. Changes in employment include accepting a new job, as well as resignation, or termination.
- J. Upon obtaining a prescription for controlled/abuse potential substance(s) while holding a probated license, the respondent is responsible for informing his/her employer within **three (3) days** of the date of the prescription(s).

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### **Violations**

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 g) revocation.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY SECTION OF THIS ORDER RELATED TO DRUG SCREENS, TREATMENT PLANS, AND/OR REGARDING PERSONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE WHETHER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OR ILLEGAL DRUGS MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF UP TO A FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD WITHOUT A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. During the period of suspension, if related to substance abuse, appropriate consistent treatment must be obtained, and the respondent must show evidence of two (2) consecutive years of being drug/alcohol free immediately prior to the respondent's initiation of a reinstatement request. If during the two (2) consecutive years of sobriety the respondent relapses, the two (2) consecutive years of sobriety will re-start on the date of the relapse occurrence, provided that the respondent is in treatment.

#### **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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#### CONSENT AGREEMENT/ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, <u>Pagan Peaks</u>, 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.

Signature of licensee/applicant

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