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June 13, 2017

Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N.  
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DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 6/13/17

RE: License Number: 0002-083941  
Case Number: 180611

Dear Ms. Mesa:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered June 12, 2017. You are hereby advised that you may not practice practical nursing or hold yourself out as a licensed practical nurse unless and until the Board of Nursing has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return your license to Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

You may apply to the Board for reinstatement of your license, and you shall be entitled to a formal administrative hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of 60 days from the Board's receipt of your reinstatement application. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present at the hearing. The reinstatement application can be found at [www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing).

If you have any questions about this matter, you can contact me at (804) 367-4474 or [anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director  
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing  
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE: JENNIFER ALEXANDRA MESA, L.P.N.**  
**License Number: 0002-083941**  
**Case Number: 180611**

**ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION**

In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing suspended the license of Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A certified copy of the Memorandum Order of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing is attached hereto as Commonwealth's Exhibit 1.

WHEREUPON, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current and valid. Should Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N., seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Mesa's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4023 and § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.



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David E. Brown, D.C., Director  
Virginia Department of Health Professions

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6/12/17  
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**CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS**

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Memorandum Order entered March 21, 2017, regarding Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

  
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David E. Brown, D.C.

Date: 6/12/17

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA 2017 MAR 21 AM 9:02  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING Department of State

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
Bureau of Professional and  
Occupational Affairs  
v.  
Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N.,  
Respondent

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: File No. 16-51-08363  
: Docket No. 0433-51-17  
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COMMONWEALTH'S  
EXHIBIT  
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PENGAD 800-691-6888

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

AND NOW, this 21st day of March 2017, the State Board of Nursing (Board), upon consideration of the Motion to Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted (Motion) filed by the Commonwealth on March 15, 2017, concerning the Commonwealth's Petition for Mental and Physical Examination (Petition) of Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N. (Respondent), license number PN298934, and pursuant to Section 16(a)(6) of the Practical Nurse Law (Act), Act of March 2, 1956 (P.L. 1211), as amended, 63 P.S. § 666(a)(6), and the holding of *Lencovich v. Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs*, 829 A.2d 1238 (Pa.Cmwlt. 2003), the Board finds that:

1. On December 8, 2016, the Commonwealth submitted a Petition to the Board's Probable Cause Screening Committee<sup>1</sup> (PCC) alleging that there is probable cause that the Respondent is unable to practice as a practical nurse with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to hallucinogenic, narcotic or other drugs or alcohol or mental incompetence. (Paragraph 1, Motion)

<sup>1</sup> The members of the Board that participated on the PCC for this matter were Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, LPN, Ann M. Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN and Linda A. Kerns, Esquire. Other than making the initial determination to order the mental/physical examination, the PCC members recused themselves from further consideration of this matter.

TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
CERTIFIED FROM THE RECORD  
THIS 16th DAY OF May A.D. 2017

*Linda L. Ordson*  
PROTHONOTARY

2. On December 9, 2016, the Committee granted the Petition and issued a Notice of Mental and Physical Examination (Notice) ordered Respondent to submit to a mental and physical examination (Order) on February 27, 2017<sup>2</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with Elena del Busto, M.D. (Dr. del Busto). (Paragraphs 2-3, Motion; Exhibit A, Motion)

3. The Commonwealth mailed the Petition, Order and Notice to the Respondent's address on file with the Board via the United States Postal Service (USPS) by certified mail, return receipt requested, item no. 9171 9690 0935 0117 5545 61, and by first class mail, postage prepaid, to: 847 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 1, Allentown, PA 18103. (Paragraph 5, Motion)

4. On December 14, 2016, the certified mail was delivered to Respondent. (Paragraph 6, Motion; Exhibit B, Motion)

5. The Petition, Order and Notice that were mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, were not returned by the USPS. (Paragraph 8, Motion)

6. The Respondent did not undergo the ordered evaluation. (Paragraph 9, Motion)

7. The Commonwealth incurred \$950.00 in costs investigating this matter. (Paragraph 11, Motion; Exhibit C, Motion)

Accordingly, it appears that Respondent is in default for failing to submit to the examination, which authorizes the Board to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** Respondent's license to practice practical nursing subject to notice, hearing, adjudication and appeal. **The indefinite suspension will become effective unless Respondent files an Answer, specifically admitting or denying each allegation of each numbered paragraph of the petition/Motion to challenge the**

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<sup>2</sup> The Notice and Motion contained a typographical error for the year.

validity of the order compelling the examination or to contest the allegations of the Motion to Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted, along with a request for a hearing, within 20 days from the date of this order.

Respondent shall file her Answer and request for hearing with Prothonotary, Department of State, 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. A copy of the Answer and request for hearing shall be served on the prosecuting attorney identified below and mailed to the address set forth below. A hearing before a hearing examiner shall be scheduled within 30 days of receipt of the request for a hearing and answer. Continuances will only be granted for good cause shown. If any future formal proceedings related to this matter occur, the record developed during the hearing described above may be introduced by the parties subject to appropriate objections.

After the hearing and close of the record, the hearing examiner shall issue a proposed adjudication. Unless either party files a brief on exceptions under 1 Pa. Code § 35.211 (procedure to except to proposed report), the hearing examiner's proposed adjudication will become final under 1 Pa. Code § 35.226(3) (final orders includes proposed report upon the expiration of the time provided for an appeal to or review by the agency head without the appeal or review having been initiated). Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Commonwealth from bringing charges pursuant to provisions of the Act that the Commonwealth determines are warranted.

If a request for hearing and answer are not filed within the time period set forth above, Respondent's license will be **SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY** effective April 10, 2017, (20 days after the date of mailing of this order as indicated below) and Respondent will be responsible for the costs of investigation, including those costs associated with failing to

attend the mental and physical examination, and a final adjudication and order to that effect will be issued by the Board. If Respondent's license is indefinitely suspended for having failed to request a hearing and file an answer within this time frame, Respondent shall, at reasonable intervals, be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that she can resume a competent practice of practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

**BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND  
OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS**

  
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**IAN J. HARLOW  
COMMISSIONER**

**Respondent:**

**Prosecuting attorney:**

**Board counsel:**

**Date of Mailing:**

**BY ORDER:  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

  
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**LINDA L. KMETZ, PhD, RN  
CHAIRPERSON**

**Jennifer Alexandra Mesa, L.P.N.  
847 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 1  
Allentown, PA 18103**

**Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire**

**Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire**

**March 21, 2017**