

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE MARYLAND</b>
<b>LIZETTE NGAMALUE</b>	*	<b>BOARD OF NURSING</b>
<b>Multi-State Licensing Privilege to Practice Licensed Practical Nursing (Iowa-License No. P63457)</b>	*	<b>OAG Case No.: 22-BP-017</b>
	*	*
*   *   *   *   *	*	*   *   *   *   *   *

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF MULTI-STATE LICENSING PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-226(c)(2) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the “Board”) hereby orders the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the multi-state licensure privilege of **LIZETTE NGAMALUE**, (the “Respondent”), Multi-State Licensing Privilege to Practice Licensed Practical Nursing (Iowa-License No. P63457). The Board takes this action pursuant to the authority of Maryland Code Ann., State Government Article (“SG”) § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.), which provides:

- (2) A unit may order summarily the suspension of a license if the unit:
  - (i) finds that the public, health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action; and
  - (ii) promptly gives the licensee:
    - 1. Written notice of the suspension, the finding and the reasons that support the finding; and
    - 2. An opportunity to be heard.

The Board has reason, as set forth below, to find that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action (“SG”) § 10-226(c) (2).

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO § 10-226(c)(2) OF THE  
STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE  
Ngamalue, Lizette, LPN Privilege (Iowa LPN P63457)**

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS AND REASONS IN SUPPORT OF SUMMARY  
SUSPENSION**

Based on investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to the Board, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:<sup>1</sup>

1. On March 3, 2020, the Iowa Board of Nursing (“Iowa Board”) issued the Respondent a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Iowa, license number P63457. The Respondent’s Iowa LPN license is active and scheduled to expire on October 15, 2022. The Compact status of the Respondent’s Oklahoma LPN is “Multistate.”<sup>2</sup>

**INITIAL APPLICATION FOR LPN BY EXAM**

2. On or about August 15, 2018, the Respondent submitted an online Maryland Application for Exam of LPN License (“LPN Application”).
3. On the LPN Application, the Respondent indicated that she graduated from an LPN program located in Woodbridge, Virginia (the “LPN School”) on February 8, 2013.
4. The online LPN Application was submitted by the Respondent who affirmed the following:<sup>3</sup>

I hereby make an application for examination and registration in Maryland according to the Nurse Practice Act and the regulations of the Maryland Board of Nursing.

---

<sup>1</sup> The allegations set forth in this document are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the Board’s action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this action.

<sup>2</sup> Under the Multi-state Licensure Compact (“Compact”), Maryland Nurse Practice Act § 8-7A-01, Iowa is a compact state and the Respondent is allowed to practice under the multi-state licensing privilege in any State that is a party to the Compact. The State of Maryland is a party to the Compact.

<sup>3</sup> The on-line application contains the listed affirmation. The applicant selects either a “yes” or “no” response. The applicant’s response to the affirmation statement determines the outcome of the on-line application process. A “Yes” response to the affirmation allows the applicant to pay the application fee and submit the application. The application is then imported into the on-premises LARS database for the Board to process and go through the

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO § 10-226(c)(2) OF THE  
STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**

**Ngamalue, Lizette, LPN Privilege (Iowa LPN P63457)**

I affirm that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**LPN SCHOOL**

5. On July 21, 2010, the Virginia Board of Nursing approved a Consent Order, ordering that the LPN School be placed on Conditional Provisional Approval for not less than one (1) year, subject to terms and conditions. The Consent Order was signed by LPN School's Program Director ("Director").<sup>4</sup>
6. On May 15, 2012, the Virginia Board of Nursing approved a Consent Order, signed by the Director. The May 15, 2012 - Consent Order orders that:
  - a. [LPN School's] approval to operate a practical nursing education program in Virginia is WITHDRAWN. [LPN School] shall cease operations no later than June 30, 2013, when all students shall either have graduated or transferred to an approved program.
  - b. [LPN School] shall not admit any new or transfer students.

**THE RESPONDENT'S LPN SCHOOL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

7. On or about August 31, 2021, the Board issued a Subpoena Duces Tecum ("Subpoena") to the Respondent commanding her to produce and provide to the Board copies of transcripts from all schools attended for any LPN program, transcripts from all schools attended for any RN program, clinical rotations documentation from all schools attended for any LPN program, clinical rotations documentation from all schools attended for any RN program, and proof of school attendance.

---

checklist and workflow. A "No" response to the affirmation statement halts the on-line application process and prevents the applicant from paying the application fee and submitting the application.

<sup>4</sup> Program Director completed and returned the email-based Certification on the Respondent's LPN Application, as Director of Nursing Program.

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO § 10-226(c)(2) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**

**Ngamalue, Lizette, LPN Privilege (Iowa LPN P63457)**

8. The Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s subpoena.
9. The Board’s investigator reviewed the Official Transcript the Respondent submitted with her LPN Application which listed the school as the LPN School. It is signed by the Director<sup>5</sup> and dated February 8, 2013, and provides the following information:

<u>FIRST QUARTER</u> From: 09/19/2011 To: 11/18/2011				<u>THIRD QUARTER</u> From: 04/02/2012 To: 07/20/2012			
<u>Course Description</u>			<u>Contact Hours</u>	<u>Course Description</u>			<u>Contact Hours</u>
Basic Computer			30	Med/Surg I			120
Medical Terminology			60	Med/Surg II			120
Anatomy and Physiology			180	Med/Surg Clinical			200
				Med/Surg Lab			40
Total Contact Hours Required			<b>270</b>	Geriatrics Theory			30
				Geriatrics Clinical			40
				Total Contact Hours Required			<b>550</b>
<u>SECOND QUARTER</u> From: 11/21/2011 To: 03/30/2012				<u>FOURTH QUARTER</u> From: 07/23/2012 To: 02/08/2013			
<u>Course Description</u>			<u>Contact Hours</u>	<u>Course Description</u>			<u>Contact Hours</u>
Diet and Nutrition			60	Pediatric Nursing			90
Pharmacology			120	Pediatric Nursing Clinical			40
Nursing Fundamentals			210	Maternity Nursing			90
Nursing Fundamentals Lab			60	Maternity Clinical			40
Nursing Fundamentals Clinical			40	Mental Health Nursing			30
				Mental Health Clinical			40
			<b>490</b>	Professional Development & NCLEX Review			60
Total Contact Hours				Total Contact Hours Required			<b>390</b>

<sup>5</sup> On or about July 8, 2021, in the U.S. District Court of Maryland, Director was indicted on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud; Conspiracy to Commit False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters and False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters. According to the Criminal Complaint, Director conspired with two other individuals and submitted false statements relating to health care matters by working together to sell fraudulent transcripts and diplomas that indicate that various individuals completed necessary courses and clinical hours to obtain nursing degrees and coached these unqualified individuals to pass the nursing board exam.

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO § 10-226(c)(2) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**

**Ngamalue, Lizette, LPN Privilege (Iowa LPN P63457)**

**Summary of Clinical Agencies/Facilities and dates for each experience**

<b>Clinical Courses</b>	<b>Clinical Agency</b>	<b>Clinical Start Date</b>	<b>Clinical End Date</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Nursing Fundamentals	Facility 1	3/26/12	3/30/12	40
Medical-Surgical Nursing	Facility 1 Facility 2	6/4/12	7/6/12	200
Geriatric Nursing	Facility 3	7/16/12	7/20/12	40
Maternity Nursing	Facility 4	8/20/12	8/24/12	40
Pediatric Nursing	Facility 4	9/24/12	9/28/12	40
Mental Health Nursing	Facility 5	10/15/12	10/19/12	40

**THE BOARD’S INVESTIGATION**

10. In a letter dated September 8, 2021, the Board’s staff was notified by Facility 1, “we regret to inform you that after searching our records, we were unable to locate any school agreement for clinical rotations with [LPN School].”
11. On August 5, 2021, a Board Investigator contacted the General Counsel for Facility 2 and Facility 3, requesting information on any agreements with LPN School. On August 5, 2021, the General Counsel responded by email, stating “I searched our contracts database and do not find any contracts with [LPN School]. Additionally, as a skilled nursing facility, I do not believe we would have hosted clinicals for surgical nursing.”
12. On August 6, 2021, a Board Investigator contacted Facility 4’s Executive Director by phone. Executive Director stated that Facility 4 does not offer OB/GYN or pediatric care and that the program offers services to troubled teens, there are no nurses on staff, and the program does not offer any medical services.

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO § 10-226(c)(2) OF THE  
STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**

**Ngamalue, Lizette, LPN Privilege (Iowa LPN P63457)**

13. On August 25, 2021, the Board's staff was notified by email that Facility 5 "does not have any affiliation or contracts with any nursing institute for any clinical hours."
14. By letter dated August 31, 2021, the Board notified the Respondent that the clinical sites listed on the Respondent's official transcript from the LPN School "had no affiliation with the nursing program." The Board included a Subpoena Duces Tecum ("Subpoena") to the Respondent commanding her to appear at the Board on September 20, 2021, for an interview. The Respondent was also commanded to produce and provide to the Board copies of transcripts from all schools attended for any LPN program, transcripts from all schools attended for any RN program, clinical rotations documentation from all schools attended for any LPN program, clinical rotations documentation from all schools attended for any RN program, and proof of school attendance. The Respondent was informed that "[f]ailure to cooperate with a lawful investigation by the Board is itself a violation of the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) and could result in additional disciplinary action."
15. The Board did not receive a response nor did the Respondent appear for the scheduled interview.

**DISCUSSION**

16. The Respondent submitted a Maryland LPN application with fraudulent information about her LPN School, including a fraudulent transcript from the school. Based on the information provided, the Respondent did not meet the Board's statutory and regulatory requirements, didactic and clinical training, for LPN licensure by exam, endorsement, or

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO § 10-226(c)(2) OF THE  
STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE  
Ngamalue, Lizette, LPN Privilege (Iowa LPN P63457)**

by multi-state licensure privilege. The Respondent's continued practice poses a serious risk and danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing investigative findings and reasons, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.).

**ORDER**

It is hereby:

**ORDERED** that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Nursing by Maryland Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.) the Multi-State Licensing Privilege (Iowa – P63457) of **LIZETTE NGAMALUE** to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

**ORDERED** that there will be a Show Cause Hearing on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 11:30a.m.** before the Board at the Maryland Board of Nursing offices, 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and be it further

**ORDERED** that if, the suspension of the Respondent's Multi-State Licensing Privilege (Iowa – P63457) is continued following a Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent has the right to a full evidentiary hearing before the Board and a hearing will be scheduled before the Board if the Respondent submits a written request for an evidentiary hearing to the Board **no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after the Show Cause Hearing**; and be it further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent does not submit a timely written request to the Board for an evidentiary hearing within 30 days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO § 10-226(c)(2) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**

**Ngamalue, Lizette, LPN Privilege (Iowa LPN P63457)**

the Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent shall have waived all rights now and in the future to any hearing on the merits of the summary suspension of the Respondent’s Multi-State Licensing Privilege (Iowa – P63457) and the factual allegations contained in this Order for Summary Suspension; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order for Summary Suspension shall remain in effect and the summary suspension of the Respondent’s Multi-State Licensing Privilege (Iowa – P63457) shall continue until further Order of the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this, “Order for Summary Suspension of Multi-State Licensing Privilege to Practice Licensed Practical Nurse License Pursuant to Section 10-226(c)(2) of the Administrative Procedure Act” is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.* & § 4-333 (2019).

May 11, 2022  
Date

Karen E.B. Evans, MSN, RN-BC  
The Executive Director’s Signature  
Appears on the Original Document

Maryland Board of Nursing