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IN THE MATTER OF:

JAIME LEE THORNTON, CLP-GEN
(Certificate No. 201485-GEN
Respondent

No. 15-I-162

**INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER**

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an ongoing investigation conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Board regarding Jaime Lee Thornton, CLP-GEN ("Ms. Thornton"), who at all pertinent times has been licensed and engaged in practice as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist - Generalist in and around Lake Charles, Louisiana. The investigation began upon receipt of apparently reliable information that Ms. Thornton was terminated for incidents of substandard practice that could have resulted in patient harm. Ms. Thornton met in conference with the Investigating Officer and expressed remorse for her errors in practice and stated she has been under stress. While appreciating the gravity of the situation, she stated that at this time she does not plan to return to practice as a CLP-GEN.

Predicated upon the information outlined above, the Investigating Officer has determined that reasonable cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Ms. Thornton, charging her with violation of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations pertaining to Clinical Laboratory Personnel.¹

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Ms. Thornton acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time she will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.* While maintaining such rights Ms. Thornton, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of her license to

¹ La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326(A) provides that the board may take action against the license of a clinical laboratory scientist for "(2) Demonstrating incompetence in the performance of the practice of clinical laboratory science."

practice clinical laboratory science in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Thornton authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Thornton expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute the abovementioned charges and/or any additional administrative charges that may be filed in this matter or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Jaime Lee Thornton, to engage in the practice as a clinical laboratory scientist-generalist in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. CLP.201485-GEN, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Jaime Lee Thornton, CLP-GEN shall not practice in the State of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating her license to practice following: (1) receipt of satisfactory documentation supporting that Ms. Thornton has successfully completed a physical and psychological evaluation, that she is in compliance with any treatment recommendations, and that her treating physicians have determined that she is capable of returning to practice with skill and safety to patients; **and** (2) receipt of satisfactory documentation of education or remediation or training sufficient to demonstrate to the Board that she is competent to return to the practice of clinical laboratory science with skill and safety; **and** (3) a meeting at the Board office with the Director of Investigations or designee; **and** (4) the conclusion of the pending investigation by administrative hearing and final decision of the Board on any charges that may be filed in these proceedings including, but not limited to, those identified in this Order; or alternatively, by the Board's acceptance of a Consent Order or other disposition of the pending investigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Ms. Thornton shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Ms. Thornton's license to practice clinical laboratory science in the state of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 18th day of May, 2015.

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By: 

J. MICHAEL BURDINE, M.D.
Vice President

STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF Calcasieu

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, JAIME LEE THORNTON, CLP-GEN, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 20th day of April, 2015.

Jaime Lee Thornton
JAIME LEE THORNTON, CLP-GEN

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Lake Charles, Louisiana, this 20th day of April, 2015, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Marlena Clark
Notary Public

Print name Marlena Clark
Notary Public 68619
Commissioned for Life

Bar/Notary No.: _____