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**State Of Wisconsin**

**Before The Wisconsin Board Of Nursing**

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In The Matter Of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

JERRALD H. MEYER, R.N.,

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

Respondent

LS0009016NUR

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Division of Enforcement Case #96 NUR 131

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. §. 227.53 are:

Jerrald H. Meyer, R.N.

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Waukesha, WI 53188

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

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The Wisconsin Board of Nursing received a Stipulation submitted by the parties to the above-captioned matter. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was executed by Jerrald H. Meyer, R.N., personally and by his attorney, Brenda Lewison, and by Claudia Berry Miran, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Wisconsin Board of Nursing makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Jerrald H. Meyer, R.N., was born December 1, 1962. Mr. Meyer's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1414 Erin Lane, Waukesha, WI 53188.
2. Mr. Meyer is licensed to practice in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse pursuant to license #99158, which was first granted on April 1, 1988.
3. On the morning of July 11, 1995, Mr. Meyer was on duty at Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex, and was assigned to the care of Patient AM.
4. Patient AM was on suicide watch level 2, which required staff checks of her status every fifteen minutes.
5. Mr. Meyer performed the 7:00 a.m. check as required, but did not check the bathroom door to make sure it was locked.
6. Mr. Meyer did not do the 7:15 a.m. check.
7. The nursing assistant who checked at 7:30 a.m. reported observing AM.

8. Mr. Meyer did not perform the 7:45 a.m. check, nor did he delegate that check to someone else when he was busy helping with another patient.
9. The RN who made the 8:00 a.m. check found AM hanging by a sheet from the bathroom door.
10. AM was transferred to Doyme Hospital, where she died on July 13, 1995.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to § 441.07 (1), Stats.
2. The Board of Nursing has the authority to resolve this disciplinary proceeding by Stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to § 227.44 (5), Stats.
3. Mr. Meyer's failure to carry out or delegate the 7:45 a.m. check on patient AM constituted a violation of Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.03 (c), failing to observe the conditions, signs, and symptoms of a patient.

### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. The nursing license of Jerrald H. Meyer is hereby LIMITED.
2. Mr. Meyer shall, not later than sixty (60) days following the effective date of this order, pay to the Department \$200 toward the costs of the investigation, pursuant to § 440.22, Stats.
3. Mr. Meyer shall, within twelve (12) months of the date of this order, submit documentation acceptable to the Board showing successful completion of twelve (12) hours of continuing education in Prioritizing, Delegating, Supervising, And Reporting Unsafe Conditions In Nursing Employment, 12hours.
4. Mr. Meyer shall obtain pre-approval of one or more courses from the Board or its designated agent before takes the course(s) in fulfillment of this requirement.
5. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including pre-approval of continuing education and receipt of all reports. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor

Division of Enforcement

Department of Regulation and Licensing

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The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision and Order to petition the Wisconsin Board of Nursing for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

By: Ann Brewer

9-1-00

A Member of the Board

Date