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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

KATHLEEN RAPRAEGER, L.P.N.,

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

RESPONDENT

LS0110091NUR

The Parties to this action for purposes of Wis Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

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Wisconsin Board of Nursing

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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kathleen Rapraeger(dob: 08/03/51) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a licensed practical nurse in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 10267 . This license was first granted November 3, 1970.
2. On November 22, 1996, and while employed as a practical nurse at St. Rose Convent, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Respondent diverted the controlled substance, Xanax, from patient supplies for her personal use. Respondent was terminated from the IPP program in April, 2001, following her conviction for criminal trespass, disorderly conduct and theft. The incident concerned entry into a private dwelling.
3. Following an evaluation at Gunderson Lutheran Behavioral Health on June 19, 2001, Respondent was diagnosed with sedative/hypnotic and narcotic dependence. Respondent has participated in treatment for her condition at Gunderson Lutheran.
4. Respondent is not currently engaged in nursing practice and tenders the voluntary surrender of her license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §441.07(1)(b)(c) and(d) Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats.

6. The conduct described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, violated § N 7.03(2) and N 7.04(1), (2) and (15) Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Kathleen Rapraeger is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(b) and (d) and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.04(1), (2) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The stipulation of the parties is accepted.
2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Kathleen Rapraeger of her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin is accepted.
3. In the event Respondent shall ever re-apply for a license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, she shall, in addition to all other requirements for licensure, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board of Nursing that he does not have a chemical dependence, and that she can safely and reliably perform nursing functions.
4. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Ann Brewer

11-1-01

Chair

Date