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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**
:
ALMA M. SEARCY, LPN : LS0407296NUR
RESPONDENT. :

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

Alma M. Searcy
3800 N. 36th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53216

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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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. Alma Maria Searcy, f/k/a Cruse (D.O.B. 4/1/52) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a practical nurse (license # 22376). This license was first granted on 12/5/79.
2. On December 5 and 6, 2002, respondent was employed by a facility which required nursing staff to do a witnessed daily inventory count of its Schedule II controlled substances. On these two days, respondent failed to do such a count. On each of the days December 9-12, 2002, inclusive, respondent performed such a count, but failed to have it witnessed, and instead signed another employee's name as having witnessed the count, without the other nurse's knowledge or consent. On December 13, 2002, the count was conducted by other staff, and some thirty pills of a morphine product were discovered to be missing from the inventory. The investigation of this was hampered by the failure to have a witnessed daily count.
3. Respondent has undergone an AODA assessment by a competent evaluator, and been found not to have a substance abuse problem; she denies taking any of the missing medication and the Board has no evidence that she did so.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

By the conduct described above, respondent is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §441.07(1)(b), (c) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.03(1)(b) and N 7.04(1) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Alma M. Cruse, LPN, is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, of \$1500, before her license is next renewed.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Jacqueline Johnsrud
A Member of the Board

7-29-04
Date