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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

MARGARET CORRIGAN, R.N., :  
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION  
AND ORDER

ORDER 0001744  
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The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.16 are:

Margaret Corrigan, R.N.  
1542 Simpson Street *2121 E. CAPITOL DRIVE #502*  
Madison, WI 53713 *MILWAUKEE, WIS 53211*

Board of Nursing  
P. O. Box 8936  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8936

Department of Regulation & Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P. O. Box 8936  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8936

A party aggrieved by this decision may petition the Board for rehearing within twenty (20) days after service of this decision pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.12. The petition in this instance would be captioned with Margaret Corrigan, R.N., as the respondent.

A party aggrieved by this decision who is a resident of this state may also petition for judicial review by filing the petition in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county where the party aggrieved resides within thirty (30) days after service of this decision. A party aggrieved by this decision who is not a resident of this state must file the petition for judicial review in the office of the clerk of circuit court for Dane County. A party aggrieved must also serve the Board and other parties with a copy of the petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this decision pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.16. The party to be named as respondent in the petition is the Board of Nursing.

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached stipulation as the final disposition 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. That Margaret Corrigan, hereinafter called the respondent, was at all times relevant to this proceedings duly licensed under the provisions of Chapter 441, Wisconsin Statutes, to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin.

2. That the respondent's registered nurse license is number 64431, issued on April 9, 1976.

3. That the respondent's address is ~~1542 Simpson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53713.~~ *2121 E. CAPITOL DRIVE #502 Milwaukee, Wis 53211*

4. That from approximately September, 1982, through February 9, 1983, the respondent converted to her own use and self-administered Dilaudid several times per week while employed as a registered nurse at Madison General Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin.

5. That Dilaudid is a Schedule II controlled substance under the Wisconsin Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

6. That the respondent procured Dilaudid in various ways, but did not divert Dilaudid such that a patient failed to receive ordered medication.

7. That all drugs diverted were for the respondent's private use.

8. That on June 16, 1983, the respondent began inpatient treatment at DePaul Rehabilitation Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

9. That on July 28, 1983, the respondent completed inpatient therapy and was admitted to the outpatient treatment program for impaired nurses. The respondent's rehabilitative efforts are described by the attached exhibits.

10. That the respondent has participated in random and witnessed urine drug screens since June, 1983, and all such screens have proved negative.

11. That the respondent is currently employed at the Sunrise Nursing Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The employer is aware of the respondent's history of drug abuse. Attached is a statement from the respondent's employer.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the conversion and self-administration of controlled substances, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 11.04(1).

2. That pursuant to section 441.07, Wis. Stats., unprofessional conduct and violations of Board rules constitute bases for the Board to take disciplinary action against the respondent.


ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license to practice registered nursing of the respondent, Margaret Corrigan, shall be and hereby is limited for a period of one year, commencing fifteen days following the date of the Board's final order in this matter. The limitations are as follows:

- (1) The respondent must inform current and prospective employers of her history of drug abuse.
- (2) The respondent must inform the Board of Nursing of any change in her employment status within five days of such change.
- (3) The respondent shall not consume any unprescribed prescription drugs, controlled substances or alcohol.
- (4) The respondent shall continue with attendance at AA.
- (5) The respondent shall cause her work supervisor to send written quarterly reports to the Board of Nursing evaluating the respondent's work performance.
- (6) The respondent may petition the Board at any time during the period of limitation to revise or eliminate any or all of the above conditions.
- (7) Violation of any of the terms of this Order may result in summary suspension of the respondent's license, or the imposition of other discipline as the Board may deem appropriate.

BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
A Member of the Board

Date

7/19/85

MJB:kcb  
709-657



July 3, 1985

Michael Berndt  
Wisconsin State Board of Nursing  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Post Office Box 8936  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Attorney Berndt:

This letter serves as an updated report on the treatment and recovery of Margaret Corrigan in the Impaired Nurse Program at De Paul Rehabilitation Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ms. Corrigan was first admitted to our facility as an inpatient on June 22, 1983, with a diagnosis of opioid dependence. After successful completion of inpatient treatment on July 28, 1983, her aftercare recommendations and treatment plan were as follows:

1. Cramer House Recovery Home, which is a halfway house for professionals;
2. Random, witnessed urine drug screens one time weekly, all of which have been negative up to this date;
3. Entrance into the two-year Impaired Nurse phase of the Impaired Professional Program;
4. Attendance one time weekly at the Tuesday night Impaired Professional Support Group;
5. Weekly attendance at the Impaired Nurses AA meeting on Thursday morning at 9 a.m.
6. Involvement with community AA and NA.
7. Consistent contact with an AA/NA sponsor.

Margaret did follow through with the above recommendations and was discharged from Cramer House January 3, 1984. She continued the Tuesday night Impaired Professional Support Group for three months, had one-to-one counseling with Dr. Michelle Cusatis, and continued with the one time weekly urine screen. Margaret successfully finished the Tuesday night support group on July 10, 1984.

Margaret is currently employed at Sunrise Nursing Home here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as a staff nurse. To the IPP Treatment Team's

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knowledge, Margaret has practiced nursing in a safe and professional manner. The IPP Treatment Team feels that Margaret is in full compliance with her treatment program, and has been an excellent role model for other nurses that come into our treatment here. We feel that Margaret has a good prognosis for her illness of chemical dependency as long as she follows through with her present support system, which she has developed on the outside.

Margaret is scheduled for completion of the two-year Impaired Professional Program as of August 16, 1985. If you have any other questions, or need more information, please feel free to contact me, Dr. Biehl, or Dr. Kropp at area code (414)281-4400, Ext. 475 or Ext 236.

Sincerely,



Brinda K. Adams  
Nurse Manager  
Impaired Nurse Program



Dr. Mark Biehl, MD  
Co-Medical Director  
Impaired Professional Program

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# SUNRISE

VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CARE CENTER

June 15, 1985

Mr. Michael Berndt  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8936  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8936

Dear Michael Berndt:

Ms. Margaret Corrigan, R.N. has been employed by Sunrise Nursing Home for the Blind, Inc. as a full time Staff Nurse since December 5, 1983. She has been reliable, missing 6 days due to illnesses. Her work has been consistent of a R.N. and takes her responsibility seriously. To my knowledge she has been faithfully fulfilling all required programs.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely;

Ms. F. K. Meyer RN DNS

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STIPULATION  
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It is hereby stipulated by the parties as follows:

1. By signing this Stipulation, the respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives her rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the allegations against her, at which time the State has the burden of proving the allegations by clear, satisfactory and convincing evidence, the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her, the right to call witnesses on her own behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena, the right to testify in her own behalf, the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision, the right to petition for rehearing, and all other applicable rights afforded to her under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

2. Without admitting or denying the information contained in the Final Decision and Order in this matter, the respondent requests that the attached Final Decision and Order be submitted to the Board of Nursing for purposes of reaching a final resolution in this matter.

3. The parties urge acceptance by the Board of Nursing of this Stipulation and attached Final Decision and Order.

4. If the terms of this Stipulation and attached Final Decision and Order are not acceptable to the Board of Nursing, then neither party shall be bound by any of the terms.

Michael J. Berndt  
Michael J. Berndt  
Attorney for Complainant

7/8/85  
Date

Margaret E. Corrigan  
Margaret Corrigan, R.N.  
Respondent

6-27-85  
Date

Lester A. Pines  
Lester A. Pines  
Attorney for Respondent

7/7/85  
Date