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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

GRETCHEN L. RESECH, LPN,
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
91 NUR 158

ORDER 0001649

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

Gretchen L. Resech
2854 S. Delaware Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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. Gretchen L. Resech (D.O.B. 7/18/54) is duly licensed in the state
of Wisconsin as a licensed practical nurse (license #21623). This license was
first granted on May 18, 1979.

2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of
Regulation and Licensing is 2854 S. Delaware Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

3. On August 15, Respondent 1991 reported for duty as the charge nurse
at the St. Joseph's Home For The Aged, West Allis, Wisconsin. Respondent made
the following observations of patient EP, assigned to her for care:

"8-15-91 0100, BP 156/80, ... completely flaccid on L side.
Most of speech is slurred. No grasp L hand. Eyes turned to
R side."

Believing patient to be "no-code", Respondent did not contact physician. The patient records for patient EP do not reflect a "no-code" status.

4. During the duty shift on August 15, 1991, Respondent received a call from the Director of Nursing which upset her. She stated to the Director of Nursing that she was leaving the facility. She then left, without assuring that an authorized replacement was in charge of the facility or her patients. A graduate practical nurse remained on duty from a previous shift, but was not authorized to act as a charge nurse.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Respondent 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)(d), and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 6.04(3) and N 7.03(1)(c).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that :

1. Gretchen L. Resech is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

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

This Order shall become effective upon its signing.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Jacqueline Johnson RN MS 1/8/93
a member of the Board Date

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	STIPULATION
GRETCHEN L. RESECH,	:	91 NUR 158
RESPONDENT	:	

It is hereby stipulated between Gretchen L. Resech, personally on her own behalf and James W. Harris, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows that:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Respondent's licensure by the Division of Enforcement. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation and without the issuance of a formal complaint.
2. Respondent understands that by the signing of this Stipulation she voluntarily and knowingly waives her rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against her, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to call witnesses on her behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify herself; 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.
3. Respondent is aware of her right to seek legal representation and has been provided the opportunity to seek legal advice prior to signing this stipulation.
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Board of Nursing. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

. The parties to this stipulation agree that the attorney for the Division of Enforcement may appear before the Board of Nursing for the purpose of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board may have concerning their deliberation.

The Division of Enforcement joins the Respondent in recommending that the Board of Nursing adopt this stipulation and issue the attached Order.

Gretchen L. Resech
Gretchen L. Resech

11-19-92
Date

James W. Harris
James W. Harris, Attorney
Division of Enforcement

11/23/92
Date

NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

(Notice of Rights for Rehearing or Judicial Review,
the times allowed for each, and the identification
of the party to be named as respondent)

The following notice is served on you as part of the final decision:

1. Rehearing.

Any person aggrieved by this order may petition for a rehearing within 20 days of the service of this decision, as provided in section 227.49 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The 20 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) The petition for rehearing should be filed with the State of Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal directly to circuit court through a petition for judicial review.

2. Judicial Review.

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review of this decision as provided in section 227.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The petition should be filed in circuit court and served upon the State of Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

within 30 days of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of the decision or order, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) A petition for judicial review should be served upon, and name as the respondent, the following: the State of Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

The date of mailing of this decision is January 11, 1993.



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Order Dates:

JAN 08, 1993

Respondent Names:

RESECH, GRETCHEN L., L.P.N.

Complaint IDs:

91NUR158

Profession:

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Boards:

NUR

Short Description:

REPRIMANDED.

Case Summary:

OBSERVED A PATIENT AND BELIEVING PATIENT TO BE "NO-CODE" DID NOT CONTACT PHYSICIAN. PATIENT RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT "NO-CODE" STATUS. WHILE ON DUTY RECEIVED A CALL WHICH UPSET HER AND SHE LEFT THE FACILITY WITHOUT ASSURING AN AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FACILITY OR HER PATIENTS.

