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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JAMES L. HEDEMANN, R.N., RESPONDENT

96 NUR 109

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

:

James L. Hedemann 2426 Hengel Ct. # 11 LaCrosse, WI 54601

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. James L. Hedemann (D.O.B. 2/23/47) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (license # 121576). This license was first granted on December 5, 1995. Respondent was originally licensed as a nurse in Iowa, and holds licenses in Florida, Wyoming, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma.
- 2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 2426 Hengel Ct. # 11, LaCrosse, WI 54601.
- 3. For a period of at least two years, and extending to July 15, 1996, Respondent diverted controlled substances from his employers for his own personal use. Respondent's drugs of choice included Demerol®, morphine and hydromorphone. Respondent would divert medications from hospital patients..
- 4. On July 15, 1996, while employed as a registered nurse at Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, Respondent removed morphine from a PCA cartridge in a patient's room for his personal use.
- 5. Respondent is not currently in the practice of nursing. Respondent tenders the surrender of his license to practice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, James L. Hedemann is subject to disciplinary action against his license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(c) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code secs. N7.03(2) and 7.04(1),(2) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY <u>ORDERED</u> that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by James L. Hedemann of his license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that in the event the Respondent shall ever re-apply for a license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, he shall in addition to all other requirements, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he does not have a chemical dependence.

(E) EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER

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

BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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
JAMES L. HEDEMANN, R.N., : 96 NUR 109

RESPONDENT

It is hereby stipulated between James L. Hedemann, personally on his 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 he voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against him, 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 him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify himself; 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 him under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- 3. Respondent is aware of his right to seek legal representation and has been provided the opportunity to seek legal advice prior to signing this stipulation.
- 4. Respondent hereby tenders the voluntary surrender of his license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin. 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.

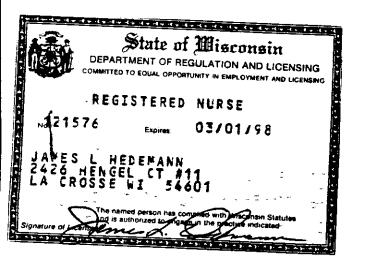
- Attached to this Stipulation is the current licensure card of Respondent. If the Board accepts the Stipulation, 's license shall be reissued in accordance with the terms of the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. The parties to this stipulation agree that the attorney for the Division of Enforcement may appear before the Board of Nursing for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board may have in connection with their deliberations on the stipulation.
- The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Board of Nursing adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

James L. Hedemann, R.N.

James W. Harris, Attorney

Division of Enforcement

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Respondent.

James L. Hedemann, R.N.,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF DANE))

I, Kate Rotenberg, having been duly sworn on oath, state the following to be true and correct based on my personal knowledge:

- 1. I am employed by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
- 2. On January 10, 1997, I served the Final Decision and Order dated January 10, 1997 upon the Respondent James L. Hedemann, R.N. by enclosing a true and accurate copy of the above-described document in an envelope properly stamped and addressed to the above-named Respondent and placing the envelope in the State of Wisconsin mail system to be mailed by the United States Post Office by certified mail. The certified mail receipt number on the envelope is P 213 340 386.
- 3. The address used for mailing the Decision is the address that appears in the records of the Department as the Respondent's last-known address and is:

James L. Hedemann, R.N. 2426 Hengel Court #11 LaCrosse WI 54601

Kate Rotenberg

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me

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Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My commission is permanent.

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.

Serve Petition for Rehearing or Judicial Review on:

STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708.

The Date of Mailing this Decision is:

January 10, 1997

1. REHEARING

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in sec. 227.49 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. The 20 day period commences the day of personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified in the box above.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal or review.

2. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in sec. 227.53, Wisconsin Statutes a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. By law, a petition for review must be filled in circuit court and should name as the respondent the party listed in the box above. A copy of the petition for judicial review should be served upon the party listed in the box above.

A petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this decision if there is no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of a petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)