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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SUZANNE E. ALDRICH, LPN ,
RESPONDENT

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
95 NUR 144

ORDER 0001646

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

Suzanne E. Aldrich
4005 Goodwin Circle
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

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. Suzanne E. Aldrich (D.O.B. 9/29/56) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license # 031 0021101). This license was first granted on November 28, 1978.
2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is Box 258, Williams Bay, WI 53191. Respondent's actual current address is 4005 Goodwin Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.
3. During a period from July, 1995, through August 18, 1995, while employed as a practical nurse at the Mariner Health Care Center, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, Respondent diverted for her own use Vicodin, Darvocet and Tylenol # 3.
4. Respondent experiences chronic pain as result of an illness, and took the drugs to supplement prescribed medications, from PRN stock at the Care Center.

5. Respondent commenced outpatient treatment at Charter Hospital, West Allis, Wisconsin, on November 30, 1995, following a diagnosis of opiate dependence.

6. Respondent currently resides in the state of Arizona, is is not currently employed in the field of nursing.

7. Respondent has tendered the voluntary surrender of her license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Suzanne E. Aldrich is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a practical 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 ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of the license of the Respondent, Suzanne E. Aldrich is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event the Respondent shall reapply for a license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, in addition to all other requirements for licensure, Respondent shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board of Nursing that she does not have a chemical dependence, and that she is able to safely and reliably perform nursing functions.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Timothy D. Burns
A Member of the Board

19 Nov 96

Date

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	STIPULATION
SUZANNE E. ALDRICH, LPN,	:	95 NUR 144
RESPONDENT	:	

It is hereby stipulated between Suzanne E. Aldrich, 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.

6. Respondent has determined that it is in her current best interests to voluntarily surrender her license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin. Attached to this Stipulation is the current licensure card of Respondent.

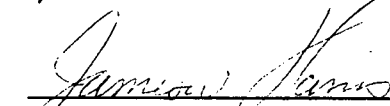
7. Also attached to this Stipulation are copies of Respondent's health care records for review by the Board in conjunction with their consideration of the attached Final Decision and Order.

8. 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.

9. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Board of Nursing adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

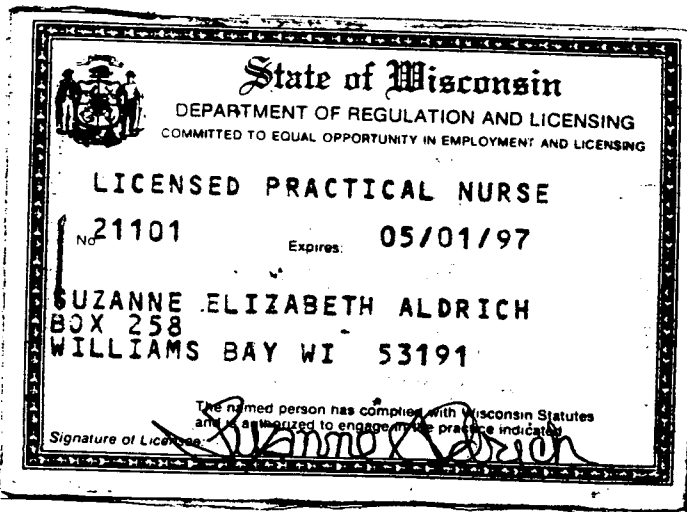

Suzanne E. Aldrich, LPN

10/15/96
Date


James W. Harris, Attorney
Division of Enforcement

October 21, 1996
Date

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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

Suzanne E. Aldrich, LPN,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Respondent.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF DANE)

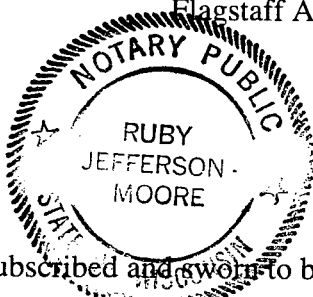
I, Kate Rotenberg, having been duly sworn on oath, state the following to be true and correct based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am employed by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

2. On November 25, 1996, I served the Final Decision and Order dated November 19, 1996 upon the Respondent Suzanne E. Aldrich, LPN 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 213 340 197.

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:

Suzanne E. Aldrich, LPN
4005 Goodwin Circle
Flagstaff AZ 86004



Kate Rotenberg

Kate Rotenberg
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 25th day of November, 1996.

Ruby Jefferson-Moore

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

1400 East Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708.

The Date of Mailing this Decision is:

November 25, 1996

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 filed 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.)



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Order Dates:

NOV 19, 1996

Respondent Names:

ALDRICH, SUZANNE E., LPN

Complaint IDs:

95NUR144

Profession:

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Boards:

NUR

Short Description:

11/19/96

Case Summary:

WHILE EMPLOYED AS A NURSE AT A HEALTH CARE CENTER, DIVERTED FOR HER OWN USE VICODIN, DARVOCET AND TYLENOL #3. EXPERIENCES CHRONIC PAIN AS RESULT OF AN ILLNESS AND TOOK THE DRUGS TO SUPPLEMENT PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS, FROM PRN STOCK AT THE CENTER.

