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State of Wisconsin
Before the Board of Nursing

In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Susan F. Dibble, R.N.
Respondent
Case No. 95 NUR 203

LS980129INUR

Final Decision and Order

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of s. 227.53, Stats., are:

Susan F. Dibble, R.N.
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Board of Nursing
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
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The parties having agreed to the attached stipulation, the Board of Nursing makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Susan F. Dibble, R.N., formerly known as Susan F. Heck, R.N., was born on November 13, 1959, and is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin pursuant to license number 112505, first granted on March 24, 1993. At all times relevant to this matter, she was employed by Ridgewood Care Center, Racine, Wisconsin.
2. On September 2, 1995, Ms. Dibble was present when a certified nursing assistant used excessive force against Patient M.L., a resident of the facility, during morning cares. Patient M.L. had been violently resistive of morning cares.
3. Ms. Dibble did not recognize that the conduct of the CNA in assisting with the morning cares constituted excessive force and abuse of Patient M.L.

4. The Bureau of Quality Assurance has required that the facility complete an annual in-service of all employees, including Ms. Dibble, on the recognition and prevention of patient abuse.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to s. 441.07, Stats.
2. By her failure to recognize and prevent the use of excessive force against a patient in her care, Ms. Dibble violated s. N 7.03(1), Wis. Admin. Code.

ORDER

Now, therefore, it is ordered that Susan F. Dibble, R.N., be and hereby is reprimanded.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1998.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing


A Member of the Board