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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

PAULINE C. HOBBS, LPN,
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

97 NUR 170

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

Ms. Pauline C. Hobbs, LPN
1810 S. 61st St.
West Allis, WI 53214

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. Respondent Pauline C. Hobbs (dob 10/17/63) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a licensed practical nurse licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #31818, originally granted on 5/21/93.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1810 S. 61st Street, West Allis, WI 53214.
3. On 9/28/97, Respondent's pre-employment drug screening confirmed positive for cocaine.
4. Respondent admitted that she had attended a party where she had too much to drink and did a line of cocaine.
5. Respondent went to Symmetry Workplace Services for an assessment and counseling. They determined that respondent did not fit the diagnosis of drug dependency and did not need any further counseling. The respondent denies any prior impairment.
6. Respondent is currently working as an LPN.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described in paragraphs 3, and 4, above, Pauline C. Hobbins is subject to disciplinary action against her license as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to §441.07(1)(b) and (d) Wis. Stats. and § N 7.04(1) and (2) Wis. Adm. Code.

ORDER

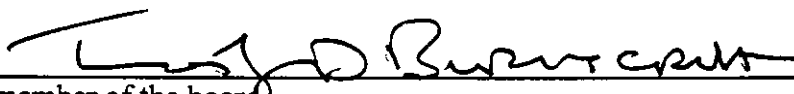
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Pauline C. Hobbins is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

By: Dated this 9th day of July 1998.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING,

by:


a member of the board

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RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION
97 NUR 170

It is hereby stipulated between the above Respondent and the undersigned prosecuting attorney for the Division of Enforcement of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of licensure of Respondent by the Division of Enforcement. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by agreement and without the issuance of a formal complaint.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, respondent waives the following rights with respect to disciplinary proceedings: the right to a statement of the allegations against respondent; a right to a hearing at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against respondent; the right to call witnesses on respondent's behalf and to compel attendance of witnesses by subpoena; the right to testify personally; 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 respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

3. Respondent is aware of respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided the opportunity to seek legal advice before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Board. The parties 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 or the proposed Final Decision and Order, 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. The parties agree that an attorney for the Division of Enforcement may appear before the Board, in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board and its staff may have in connection with their deliberations on the case.

7. The Case Advisor in this matter may participate freely in any deliberations of the Board regarding acceptance of this Stipulation and the proposed Final Order, and may relate to the Board any knowledge and views of the case acquired during the investigation.

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

9. Respondent stipulates that there is an adequate factual basis for the discipline imposed herein, although the Findings of Fact may not appear to justify the entire outcome. The language of the Findings has been negotiated as a matter of compromise between the parties, and respondent agrees not to claim in any forum that the discipline imposed was not justified by the Findings of Fact stated.

10. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this stipulation, the board's final decision and order is a public record and will be published in the monthly Report of Decisions issued by the department. A summary of the order will be published in the Wisconsin Regulatory Digest issued semiannually by the Board. Other reporting as required by law will occur. This is standard department procedure and in no way specially directed at Respondent.

Pauline Hopkins LPN 5-14-98
Respondent Date

James Harris May 26, 1998
Prosecuting Attorney Date
Division of Enforcement

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

In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Pauline C. Hobbins, LPN,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING


Respondent.

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 July 14, 1998, I served the Final Decision and Order dated July 9, 1998, LS9807098NUR, upon the Respondent Pauline C. Hobbins, 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 Z 233 819 549.
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:

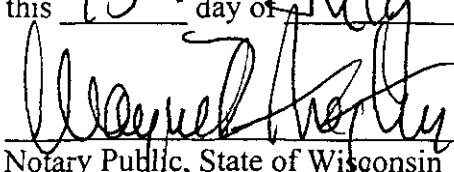
Pauline C. Hobbins, LPN
1810 S. 61st Street
West Allis WI 53214



Kate Rotenberg
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 15th day of July, 1998.



Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission is permanent.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS OF APPEAL

TO: PAULINE C HOBBS LPN

You have been issued a Final Decision and Order. For purposes of service the date of mailing of this Final Decision and Order is 7/14/98. Your rights to request a rehearing and/or judicial review are summarized below and set forth fully in the statutes reprinted on the reverse side.

A. 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 section 227.49 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The 20 day period commences on the day of personal service or the date of mailing of this decision. The date of mailing of this Final Decision is shown above.

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

A petition for rehearing shall specify in detail the grounds for relief sought and supporting authorities. Rehearing will be granted only on the basis of some material error of law, material error of fact, or new evidence sufficiently strong to reverse or modify the Order which could not have been previously discovered by due diligence. The agency may order a rehearing or enter an order disposing of the petition without a hearing. If the agency does not enter an order disposing of the petition within 30 days of the filing of the petition, the petition shall be deemed to have been denied at the end of the 30 day period.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review.

B. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in section 227.53, Wisconsin Statutes (copy on reverse side). The petition for judicial review must be filed in circuit court where the petitioner resides, except if the petitioner is a non-resident of the state, the proceedings shall be in the circuit court for Dane County. The petition should name as the respondent the Department, Board, Examining Board, or Affiliated Credentialing Board which issued the Final Decision and Order. A copy of the petition for judicial review must also be served upon the respondent at the address listed below.

A petition for judicial review must be served personally or by certified mail on the respondent and filed with the court within 30 days after service of the Final Decision and Order 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. Courts have held that the right to judicial review of administrative agency decisions is dependent upon strict compliance with the requirements of sec. 227.53 (1) (a), Stats. This statute requires, among other things, that a petition for review be served upon the agency and be filed with the clerk of the circuit court within the applicable thirty day period.

The 30 day period for serving and filing a petition for judicial review commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the Final Decision and Order by the agency, or, if a petition for rehearing has been timely filed, the day after personal service or mailing of a final decision or disposition by the agency of the petition for rehearing, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of a petition for rehearing. The date of mailing of this Final Decision and Order is shown above.

The petition shall state the nature of the petitioner's interest, the facts showing that the petitioner is a person aggrieved by the decision, and the grounds specified in section 227.57, Wisconsin Statutes, upon which the petitioner contends that the decision should be reversed or modified. The petition shall be entitled in the name of the person serving it as Petitioner and the Respondent as described below.

SERVE PETITION FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW ON:

STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

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P.O. Box 8935

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