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State Of Wisconsin
Before The Wisconsin Board Of Nursing

In The Matter Of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

VANESSA MENDOZA-DARRELL, R.N.,
Respondent.

Case 99012916 NUR

Division of Enforcement Case #97 NUR 180

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

Vanessa Mendoza-Darrell, R.N.
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The Wisconsin Board of Nursing received a Stipulation submitted by the parties to the above-captioned matter. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was executed by Vanessa Mendoza-Darrell, R.N., personally, and by Claudia Berry Miran, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Wisconsin Board of Nursing makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Vanessa Mendoza-Darrell, R.N., 1023 East Kewaunee Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, was born February 6, 1963.
2. Ms. Mendoza-Darrell has been licensed to practice in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse pursuant to license # 119045, which was first granted on March 1, 1995.
3. Ms. Mendoza-Darrell removed medical records from her place of employment about March 17, 1997, and failed to return them despite several requests.
4. Ms. Mendoza-Darrell refused to allow the employer to pick the records up at her residence, and she eventually returned them to release a hold her school had placed on her transcripts.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- I - The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to s. 441.07 (1), Stats.
2. The Board of Nursing has the authority to resolve this disciplinary proceeding by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to s. 227.44 (5), Stats.
- 3 Unauthorized removal of records constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to s. N. 7.04 (10), Wis. Admin. Code.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- I. Vanessa Mendoza-Darrell, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- II. Ms. Mendoza-Darrell shall, not later than sixty (60) days following the effective date of this order, pay to the Department \$100.00 towards the cost of the investigation, pursuant to s. 440.22, Stats.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pending investigation, 97 NUR 180, shall be, and hereby is, closed without further proceedings.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision and Order to petition the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

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

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 29 day of 1999

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

Timothy Burns, CRNA
A Member of the Board

