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**State Of Wisconsin**

**Before The Wisconsin Board Of Nursing**

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In The Matter Of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

KIMBERLY A. GIBBS-BEGUHN, R.N.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

Respondent.

Case LS9907092NUR

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Division of Enforcement Case # NUR 00

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

*Kimberly A. Gibbs-Beguhn,  
36921 Bridlewood Lane  
Oconomowoc, WI 53706*

*Wisconsin 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 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 Kimberly A. Gibbs-Beguhn, 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. Kimberly A. Gibbs-Beguhn, R.N., was born . 's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 36921 Bridlewood Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.
2. Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn is licensed to practice in the state of Wisconsin as a nurse pursuant to license #5, which was first granted on .
3. In fall 1996, Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Waukesha employed Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn to manage care for approximately 70 patients who were receiving regular home care services. Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn was required to make home supervisory visits for each patient with the aide present at least once every 60 days.
4. Patient records for an 83-year-old female admitted to the supportive care program on August 1, 1996, contained visit notes signed by Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn on October 1 and November 14, 1996. The notes documented that aides were present in the home on those dates and that Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn had supervised the care provided by the aides on those dates.
5. There was no home health aide documentation for service rendered on October 1 and November 14, but there was documentation for aide visits on September 30 and October 4.
6. On December 4, 1996, the patient told Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn's supervisor that a registered nurse had not visited her home since the patient was admitted to the program for services on August 1, 1996.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to § 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 § 227.44 (5), Stats.
3. Falsifying or inappropriately altering patient records constitutes unprofessional conduct under § N 7.04 (6), Wis. Adm. Code.
4. By stating in the patient records that she had visited the patient on October 1 and November 14 when she had not made such a visit, Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

### **ORDER**

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Kimberly A. Gibbs-Beguhn is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn shall, not later than sixty (60) days following the effective date of this order, pay to the Department \$100 toward the costs of the investigation, pursuant to § 440.22, Stats.
3. The license of Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin is LIMITED as follows:
  - A. Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn shall, within twelve (12) months of the date of this order, submit documentation acceptable to the Board showing successful completion of eight (8) hours of continuing education in .
  - B. Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn shall obtain pre-approval of one or more courses from the Board or its designated agent before takes the course(s) in fulfillment of the requirement of par. 3A.
  - C. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including pre-approval of continuing education and receipt of all reports. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
P. O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
FAX (608) 266-2264  
TEL. (608) 267-7139
  - D. Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn shall arrange for her employer to provide formal written reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor, for one year. These reports shall assess Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn's work performance.
  - E. Ms. Gibbs-Beguhn shall provide a copy of this order to her nursing employers before engaging in any nursing employment.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision and Order to petition the Wisconsin Board of Nursing 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.

By:

Timothy D. Burns, CRNA

A Member of the Board

July 9, 1999

Date