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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

MELISSA R. CORK, RN,
RESPONDENT

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0103012NUR

Division of Enforcement Case No. 99NUR325

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Melissa R. Cork
3350 Oakland Street.
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Board of Nursing
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
PO 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. Melissa R. Cork (D.O.B. 11/28/75) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #132225).
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 3350 Oakland Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 54703.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a charge nurse at Syverson Lutheran Home, 816 Porter Avenue, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
4. On or about October 25, 1999, resident MW fell and indicated extreme pain. Respondent ordered that the resident be moved, rather than wait for transport to the emergency room. MW was subsequently diagnosed with a hip fracture.
5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the issuance of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter, pursuant to sec. 441.07, Stats.
2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing is authorized to enter into the attached stipulation, pursuant to sec. 227.44(5), Stats.
3. The conduct described above constitutes a basis for discipline under secs. 441.07(1) and Wisconsin Administrative Code § N 7.03(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Melissa R. Cork, shall be LIMITED as follows:

Continuing Education

1. Within nine (9) months from the date of this order, Respondent shall submit documentation of successful completion of at least six (6) hours of continuing education or other training acceptable to the Board in the areas of nursing assessment and intervention in medical/surgical emergencies, or in other areas acceptable to the Board as relevant to Respondent's rehabilitation. To be acceptable, the course or training shall be pre-approved by a member or designated agent of the Board of Nursing. Acceptable documentation shall include certification from the sponsoring organization as well as a statement signed by Respondent verifying that she attended the course in its entirety.

Department Monitor

2. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including coordinating all requests for approval of education or other petitions. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
FAX (608) 266-2264
TEL. (608) 261-7139

Summary Suspension

3. In the event that Respondent fails to timely comply with the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 above, her Wisconsin license to practice as a registered nurse shall be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until she has complied with the terms of this Order. Violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Admin. Code RL Ch. 6. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

4. Upon complete, timely and successful compliance with the terms of this Order, the Board shall restore Respondent's license to full and unrestricted status.

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

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Ann Brewer

3-1-01

On behalf of the Board

Date