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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

KATHERINE CHRISTINE KULT, RN,

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

RESPONDENT

LS0108062NUR

Division of Enforcement Case No. 01 NUR 065

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

Katherine Christine Kult

2428 Springdale Road Apt.101

Waukesha WI 53186

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. Katherine Christine Kult (D.O.B. 05/24/1975) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #136668). This license was first granted on 10/19/2000.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 2735 Brookside Lane, Brookfield, Wisconsin, 53005. Respondent's most recent address known to the Division of Enforcement is 2428 Springdale Road Apt.101, Waukesha WI 53186.
- 3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a home care registered nurse in Brookfield, Wisconsin.
- 4. On exact dates unknown but on several occasions between October 1, 2000 and February 7, 2001, Respondent stole cash from the home of the minor patient for whom Respondent was providing care. The amount of money taken by Respondent totaled four hundred and fifty dollars [\$450.00].
- 5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the issuance of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

- 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 in paragraph 4, above, violated §N 7.04 (1), (7) and (15), Wis. Adm. Code. Furthermore, the Findings of Fact set forth in paragraph 4 above constitute an agency finding of misappropriation within the meaning of secs. 48.685 and 50.065, Stats.

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#### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

- A. The Wisconsin nursing license of Katherine Christine Kult (license #136668) is hereby SUSPENDED for AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME and UNTIL Respondent submits documentation acceptable to the Board of successful completion of a Caregiver Rehabilitation Review with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
- B. Following termination of the suspension referred to above, Respondent's license shall be LIMITED as follows:

# **Required reporting**

- 1. For a period of at least one [1] year from the date of this Order, Respondent shall arrange for quarterly reports from her nursing employer(s) reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance. These reports shall be submitted to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement.
- 2. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.
- 3. Until otherwise ordered by the Board:
  - a. Respondent shall practice only in settings where she works under supervision by another nurse or other licensed health care professional;
  - b. Respondent shall refrain from nursing employment as a pool nurse, a visiting nurse or other home care practitioner; and
  - c. Respondent shall refrain from employment as a charge nurse.

#### **Department Monitor**

4. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving payment of costs and forfeitures, as well as 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

#### **Termination of restrictions**

5. Upon completion of: a) one [1] year of nursing employment under the terms of this Order; and b) one [1] year of complete, successful and continuous compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondent may petition the Board to revise or eliminate any of the above conditions. Denial in whole or in part of a petition under this paragraph shall not constitute denial of a license and shall not give rise to a contested case within the meaning of Wis. Stats. §§227.01(3) and 227.42.

### **C. SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

- 6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may 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.
- D. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

**BOARD OF NURSING** 

By: Ann Brewer 10-4-01

On behalf of the Board Date