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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING		
IN TH	E MATTER OF	:
DISCI	PLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :	
		: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	JILL M. BUSHONG, R.N.,	: LS0201045NUR
	RESPONDENT.	:
		01 NUR 160
	The parties to this action for the purposes	s of § 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:
	Jill M. Bushong	
	4550 Fetke Lake Road	
	Rhinelander, WI 54501	
	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	
		rms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision oard. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it
	Accordingly, the Board in this matter adop	ots the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

STATE OF WISCONSIN

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jill M. Bushong (dob: 08/17/64) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a registered nurse licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 104856 . This license was first granted September 9, 1990.

- 2. On June 19, 2001, Respondent was convicted in the Oneida County Circuit Court of possession of THC, in cases 00 CM 0145 and 01 CM 080. Respondent was placed on probation for a period of 14 months and was required to obtain an AODA assessment and participate in recommended treatment. Attending charges of disorderly conduct and battery were dismissed.
- 3. Following an evaluation at Koller Behavioral Health Services on September 19, 2001, Respondent was diagnosed with cannabis abuse. Respondent has participated in treatment for her condition at Koller Behavioral Health Services. Respondent has participated in drug screening and monitoring through the Department of Corrections since July 10, 2001.
- 4. Respondent is currently employed as a night shift registered nurse supervisor at Petersen Health Care.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 5. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §441.07(1)(b)(c) and(d) Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats.
- 6. The conduct described in paragraphs 2 and 3, above, violated § N 7.03(2) and N 7.04(1), (2) and (15) Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

#### ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective on the date of this Order, the license of Jill M. Bushong to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin is SUSPENDED for an INDEFINITE period. The suspension is hereby STAYED for a period of three months, conditioned upon compliance with the conditions and limitations outlined below.

- a. Respondent may apply for consecutive three (3) month extensions of the stay of suspension, which shall be granted upon acceptable demonstration of compliance with the conditions and limitations imposed on the respondent for rehabilitation and practice during the prior three (3) month period.
- b. The Board may without hearing deny an application for extension of the stay, or commence other appropriate action, upon receipt of information that respondent has violated any of the terms or conditions of this Order, or any of the terms of the probation imposed by the Oneida County Circuit Court. If the Board denies the petition by the respondent for an extension, the Board shall afford an opportunity for hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in ch. RL 1, Wis. Adm. Code upon timely receipt of a request for hearing.
- c. Upon a showing by respondent of continuous, successful compliance for a period of at least five years of active practice with the terms of this order and compliance with all other terms of this Order, the Board

may grant a petition by the Respondent for return of full licensure. (See ¶14, below.)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the license to practice of respondent shall be LIMITED as follows:

#### REHABILITATION, MONITORING AND TREATMENT

## **Treatment Required**

1. Respondent shall enroll and continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board as respondent's Supervising Health Care Provider shall determine to be appropriate for respondent's rehabilitation. Koller Behavioral Health Services and Jack Weigman, therapist, are acceptable to the Board. Respondent shall commence involvement in the drug and alcohol rehabilitation program within 5 days of the date of the Final Decision and Order of the Board.

<u>Therapy</u>. The rehabilitation program shall include and respondent shall participate in individual and/or group therapy sessions for the first year of the stayed suspension upon a schedule as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than once monthly. Such therapy shall be conducted by the supervising physician or therapist, or another qualified physician or therapist as designated by the supervising physician or therapist and acceptable to the Board. After the first year of stayed suspension, this requirement for therapy sessions may be modified only upon written petition, and a written recommendation by the supervising physician or therapist expressly supporting the modifications sought. A denial of such petition for modification shall not be deemed a denial of the license under §§ 227.01(3) or 227.42, Wis. Stats., or ch. RL 1, Wis. Adm. Code, and shall not be subject to any right to further hearing or appeal.

<u>AA/NA Meetings</u>. Respondent shall attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals, upon a frequency as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than one meeting per week. Attendance of Respondent at such meetings shall be verified and reported monthly to the supervising physician or therapist.

# **Sobriety**

- 2. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Sec. 161.01(4), Stats. except when necessitated by a legitimate medical condition and then only with the prior approval of the Supervising Health Care Provider.
- 3. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of alcohol.
- 4. Respondent shall in addition refrain from the consumption of over-the-counter medications or other substances which may mask consumption of controlled substances or of alcohol, or which may create false positive screening results, or which may interfere with respondent's treatment and rehabilitation. Respondent shall report all medications and drugs, over-the-counter or prescription, taken by respondent to the Supervising Health Care Provider within 24 hours of ingestion or administration, and shall identify the person o persons who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered said medications or drugs. Within 24 hours of a request by the Supervising Health Care Provider or the Board or its designee, Respondent shall provide

releases which comply with state and federal laws authorizing release of all health care records by the persor who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered this medication for respondent. These releases shall also authorize the Supervising Health Care Provider, the Board or its designee to discuss the Respondent's health care with the person who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered this medication. The terms of this paragraph shall not be deemed to modify or negate Respondent's obligations as set forth in this Order.

### **Department Monitor**

5. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving and coordinating all reports and petitions, and requesting additional monitoring and surveillance. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor

Department of Regulation Division of Enforcement

P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

FAX (608) 266-2264

TEL. (608) 267-3817

## <u>Releases</u>

6. Respondent shall provide and keep on file with the Supervising Health Care Provider, all treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collections sites current releases which comply with state and federal laws authorizing release of all urine, blood and hair specimen screen results and medical and treatment records and reports to, and permitting the Supervising Health Care Provider and all treating physicians and therapists to disclose and discuss the progress of respondent's treatment and rehabilitation with the Board or any member thereof, or with any employee of the Department of Regulation and Licensing acting under the authority of the Board. Copies of these releases shall be filed simultaneously with the Department Monitor.

#### **Drug and Alcohol Monitoring**

- 7. Within thirty (30) days from the date of the signing of this Order the Respondent shall enroll and begin participation in a drug and alcohol monitoring program which is approved by the department pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § RL 7.11, ("Approved Program").
  - a. The Department Monitor, Board or Board designee shall provide to the Respondent a list of Approved Programs, however, the Respondent is solely responsible for timely enrollment in any such Approved Program.
  - b. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the Approved Program shall require the testing of urine specimens at a frequency of not less than 26 times each year.
  - c. The Department Monitor, Board or Board designee shall determine the tests to be performed upon the urine specimens.
  - d. The Respondent shall comply with all requirements for participation in drug and alcohol monitoring established by the Approved Program, including but not limited to;

- (1) contact with the Approved Program as directed on a daily basis, including weekends and holidays, and;
- (2) production of a urine specimen at a collection site designated by the Approved Program within five(5) hours of notification of a test.
- e. The Board in its discretion without a hearing and without further notice to the Respondent may modify this Order to require the submission of hair or breath specimens or that any urine or hair specimen be furnished in a directly witnessed manner.
- f. All expenses of enrollment and participation in the Approved Program shall be borne by the Respondent. The Respondent shall keep any account for such payments current in all respects.
  - g. For purposes of further Board action under this Order it is rebuttably presumed that all confirmed positive test results are valid. Respondent has the burden of proof to establish by a preponderance of the evidence an error in collection, testing or other fault in the chain of custody which causes an invalid confirmed positive test result.
- 8. Respondent shall keep the Supervising Health Care Provider informed of Respondent's location and shall be available for contact by the Supervising Health Care Provider at all reasonable times.

# Required Reporting by Supervising Health Care Provider, and laboratories

9. The Supervising Health Care Provider shall report immediately to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement by FAX or telephonic communication: any failure of Respondent to provide a urine, blood or hair specimen within five (5) hours from the time it was requested; or of any inability to locate Respondent to request a specimen. The laboratory shall immediately report all urine specimens suspected to have been tampered with and all urine, blood or hair specimens