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State of Wisconsin
Before the Board of Nursing

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P.,
Respondent

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0203014NUR

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of sec. 227.53, Stats., are:

Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P.
6017 W. Donges Ln.
Brown Deer, WI 53223

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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The parties having agreed to the attached Stipulation, the Board of Nursing makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P., 6017 W. Donges Lane, Brown Deer, Wisconsin, 53223, was born on 4/3/1948 and has been licensed and is currently registered as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin since 9/7/1988, license #99969. Respondent has been licensed and is currently registered as an advanced practice nurse prescriber in the state of Wisconsin since 5/7/1999, license #1392. Respondent has been certified and is currently certified as a nurse midwife in the state of Wisconsin since 12/6/1999.

2. On July 22, 2000, L.D. a pregnant female patient was admitted to the labor and delivery unit of St. Francis Hospital with extreme lower back pain, joint pain, uncontrollable chills, pallor, an elevated temperature, nausea, and vomiting. The patient was at term in her pregnancy and her due date was July 20, 2000. Respondent was responsible for the care of this patient. RN W. performed a physical examination of the patient including an examination of the patient's cervix. RN W. ordered an urinalysis because she believed that the patient was dehydrated. The urinalysis was negative for signs of dehydration, but did show evidence of red blood cells, white blood cells, and bacteria. A urine specimen was submitted for a urine culture.

3. At approximately 5:36 p.m., RN W. called Respondent and reported the patient's condition to her. Respondent instructed RN W. to administer Tylenol to the patient and to start IV fluids.

4. Respondent arrived at the hospital at approximately 7:00 p.m. to evaluate the patient. Respondent did not

perform a physical examination of the patient or order any additional diagnostic tests, but relied on the physical examination and urinalysis that RN W. had performed.

5. Respondent concluded that the patient had been dehydrated and that the IV fluids had resolved the dehydration.

6. At 8:30 p.m., the Respondent discharged the patient from the hospital with a prescription for antibiotics to treat a possible urinary tract infection.

7. Respondent did not conduct any further diagnostic tests prior to discharging the patient to further evaluate the health of the patient and her unborn child or to determine whether or not the patient was suffering from any other complication as defined in Wis. Adm. Code. sec. N 4.02(3).

8. On July 23, 2000, at approximately 12:00 a.m., midnight, the patient returned to the labor and delivery unit with painful contractions two minutes apart. Blood was drawn for a CBC that showed an elevated white blood cell count, which was a sign of an infection of unknown origin. At 1:00 a.m., an ultrasound was done that showed that the fetus had no cardiac activity. At 4:20 a.m. the patient vaginally delivered a stillborn infant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(b) and (d).

2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has the authority to resolve this proceeding by Stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.44(5).

3. Ms. Drosdeck's failure to perform necessary diagnostic tests to evaluate the health of the patient and her unborn child and to determine whether or not the patient was experiencing a complication as defined in Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 4.02(3) violated Wis. Adm. Code. sec. N 7.03(1)(b).

4. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has the authority pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 440.22 to assess the costs of the proceedings against Ms. Drosdeck.

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P. is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Carol S. Drosdeck's license to practice nursing be LIMITED in the following respect:

1. Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P., shall, within nine (9) months from the date of this Order, participate in and satisfactorily complete a total of sixteen (16) hours of continuing nursing education in the area of midwife assessment and intervention for potential complications of pregnancy.

a. Ms. Drosdeck is responsible for locating courses satisfactory to the Wisconsin Board of Nursing or its designee and for obtaining the required pre-approval of the courses from the Wisconsin Board of Nursing or its designee prior to taking the courses. Ms. Drosdeck is responsible for providing a complete description of the course content to Wisconsin Board of Nursing or its designee at the time Ms. Drosdeck requests approval of the course.

b. The Board may reject in whole or in part any educational opportunity which is nominated by Ms. Drosdeck when, in the Board's judgment, the syllabus or description of the course or other educational opportunity is insufficient to fulfill the purpose for which Ms. Drosdeck nominates it by reason of the educational opportunity's scope, content, method of instruction, or degree of participation required of students. If the Board approves an educational opportunity in fulfillment of less than the entire purpose for which Ms. Drosdeck nominates it, Ms. Drosdeck may either accept the Board's limited approval, or forego the opportunity entirely and select another course. All courses approved in whole or in part for satisfaction of this continuing education requirement and attended by Ms. Drosdeck shall be attended in their entirety.

c. Ms. Drosdeck will be responsible for all of the costs of attending the educational programs.

d. Within 60 days after the courses are concluded, Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P., will file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing certifications from the sponsoring organization of her attendance at the required courses and her personal written affidavit that she has attended each course in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing or its designee be filed with:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
1400 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53708

All certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing will be deemed filed with the Board of Nursing upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P., will appear before the Wisconsin Board of Nursing, if an appearance is requested by the Board, at the conclusion of the education program to establish that she has complied with all of the terms of this Final Decision and Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon satisfaction of all the terms of this Final Decision and Order, Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P. will receive a full and unrestricted license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P., will pay COSTS in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY dollars (\$250.00). Payment will be submitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order. Payment will be made by certified check or money order, payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and sent to: Department Monitor, Division of Enforcement, Dept. of Regulation & Licensing, P. O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the pending investigation 00 NUR 271 is closed without further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.51(3), if the Wisconsin Board of Nursing determines that there is probable cause to believe that Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P. has violated the terms of this Final Decision And Order of the Wisconsin Board of Nursing, the Board may order the license of Carol S. Drosdeck, R.N., A.P.N.P. to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

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".

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 1st day of March, 2002.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

Linda Sanner

Member, Wisconsin Board of Nursing