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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
JOAN KEMNITZ, LPN, : LS0208091NUR
RESPONDENT :

Division of Enforcement Case File No. 01 NUR 216

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

Joan Kemnitz
9257 Oak Road
Pickett, WI 54964

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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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. Joan Kemnitz (D.O.B. 07/20/1942) is duly licensed as a practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #26663). This license was first granted on 12/02/83.
2. Respondent’s most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 9257 Oak Road, Pickett,

3. At all times relevant to this action Respondent was working as a licensed practical nurse at All About Life Rehabilitation Center, 115 East Arndt Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
4. On or about August 7, 2001 and at approximately 0400 hours a certified nursing assistant [CAN] informed Respondent that RG, an 88 year-old resident of All About Life, had rectal bleeding as evidenced by the presence bright red blood in the commode.
5. Respondent dismissed the report as "possible hemorrhoids." Respondent's charting for this patient on August 7, 2001 contains no mention of the rectal bleeding, no taking of vital signs, no recorded attempt to obtain a RN assessment of the patient and no physician contact.
6. RG was transferred to the hospital for evaluation rectal bleeding by the following shift on August 7, 2001.
7. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to issuance by the Board 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 violated sec. 441.07(1), Wis. Stats. and §§ N 7.03(1) and N 7.04 (4) and (15), Wis. Admin. Code. Furthermore, the Findings of Fact set forth in above constitute an agency finding within the meaning of secs. 48.685 and 50.065, Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Joan Kemnitz shall SURRENDER her license to practice as a practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #70192).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Ms. Kemnitz reapply for Wisconsin licensure, the Board may in its sole discretion determine whether, and under what terms and conditions, this license may be reissued.

This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Linda M. Sanner
On behalf of the Board

08-09-02
Date