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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

In The Matter Of Disciplinary Proceedings Against :
ORDER : FINAL DECISION AND
SUSANNE D. MEADE, L.P.N., : LS0305095NUR
Respondent. :

Division of Enforcement Case #02 NUR 047

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

Susanne D. Meade, L.P.N.
407 B 3rd Street
Albany, WI 53502

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

The Wisconsin Board of Nursing received a Stipulation submitted by the parties to the above-captioned matter. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was executed by Susanne D. Meade, L.P.N., personally, and by Michael Berndt, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Wisconsin Board of Nursing makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Susanne D. Meade, L.P.N., was born February 6, 1956. Ms. Meade’s latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 407 B 3rd Street, Albany, WI 53502.

2. Ms. Meade is licensed to practice in the state of Wisconsin as a licensed practical nurse pursuant to license #32615, which was first granted on August 27, 1994.
3. On January 2, 2002, Ms. Meade was observed removing an area of eschar with a tweezers and scalpel from the ischial area of an 84 year-old female resident with chronic venous stasis ulcers and peripheral vascular disease that was on Coumadin therapy.
4. There was not a physician's order for the removal of the eschar.
5. Ms. Meade stated in her response to the complaint that she removed the eschar, that she was requested to do so by another nurse and that at no time did she endanger the resident.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to § 441.07 (1), Stats.
2. The Board of Nursing has the authority to resolve this disciplinary proceeding by Stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to § 227.44 (5), Stats.
3. The conduct described in paragraphs 3 and 4, above, violated Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.03(1)(a) and N 7.04(5).

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Susanne D. Meade, L.P.N. (license # 32615) is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Within nine (9) months of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit documentation of successful completion of a one-day scope of practice course for licensed practical nurses and legal boundaries. 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(s) in its (their) entirety

3. Respondent will pay a forfeiture in the amount of \$100.00 to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708-8935 within sixty (60) days of the date of this final Decision and Order.

4. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing

P. O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935
FAX (608) 266-2264
TEL. (608) 267-3817

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."

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

By: Linda Sanner
A Member of the Board

5-9-03
Date