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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :		
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :		
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LINDA L. LACHAPPELLE, RN,	:	LS0306062NUR
RESPONDENT	:	

Division of Enforcement Case No. 02 NUR 230

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

Linda L. LaChappelle
6027 CTH B
Manitowoc, WI 54220

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. Linda L. LaChappelle (DOB: 06/11/1954) is duly licensed as a Registered Nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #94781). This license was first granted on 08/22/1986.
2. Respondent' most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 6027 CTH B, Manitowoc,

Wisconsin, 54220.

3. Beginning on or about September 20, 1993 and up to August 9, 2002, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at Hamilton Memorial Home ("Hamilton"), 1 Hamilton Drive, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. On exact dates unknown, but during the period of time that Respondent worked at Hamilton, she diverted controlled substances from patient supplies at this facility for her personal use.

4. Prior to her employment at Hamilton, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center ("Holy Family"), 2300 Western Avenue, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. On exact dates unknown, but during the period of time that Respondent worked at Holy Family, she diverted controlled substances from the hospital for her personal use.

5. To cover for her diversion of controlled substances, Respondent at times substituted Tylenol for pain medication tablets. Respondent charted the administration of medication as if the patients had received medication as ordered, rather than acetaminophen. In addition, Respondent falsified destruction of medication records and by signing out PRN medications and using them for herself.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the issuance 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, Wis. Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing is authorized to enter into the attached stipulation, pursuant to sec. 227.44(5), Wis. Stats.

3. The conduct described above violated sec. 441.07(1), Wis. Stats. and §§ N 7.03(2) and N 7.04(1), (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

1. The Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the SURRENDER of the State of Wisconsin license of Linda L. LaChappelle (license #94781) to practice as a registered nurse. Respondent shall return to the Department her current RN registration card, as well as any and all other official indicia of licensure within her possession

2. Should Respondent in the future reapply for licensure as a licensed registered nurse, the Board of Nursing may in its sole discretion determine, whether, and under what terms and conditions this license may be reissued.

3. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Linda Sanner

6-6-03

On behalf of the Board

Date