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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	LS0412091NUR
CHERYL L. BRITTON, R.N.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Cheryl L. Britton, R.N.
48244 Norwegian Hollow
Soldiers Grove, WI 54655

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 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 of Nursing. 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. Cheryl L. Britton, R.N., Respondent, date of birth September 2, 1950, is licensed by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 120273, which was first granted July 12, 1995.
2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 48244 Norwegian Hollow, Soldiers Grove, WI 54655.
3. During the summer of 2000, Respondent provided professional nursing services at Wisconsin Badger Camp near Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The mission of Wisconsin Badger Camp is to serve people with developmental disabilities by providing quality outdoor recreational experiences during a group living experience. The campers had extensive physical and emotional needs and their usual places of residence were private homes, foster homes or group homes.
4. The camp was attended by approximately 88 campers at a time. They would all arrive on Sunday around 1:00 p.m. and leave on Friday. The next Sunday, a new group of campers would arrive. Many of the campers were receiving medication, which their caregivers brought and provided to the camp nurse when the campers arrived.
5. Respondent was present at the camp 24 hours a day, Sunday through Friday each week. She was the only nurse and worked with an EMT. Respondent's duties included:

- a. Intake when the campers arrived, which included reviewing Camper Medical Forms, completing health sheets and receiving and recording each camper's medications.
- b. Dispensing the medications as ordered and recording the dispensing.
- c. Treating illness and injury and recording the treatment.
- d. Returning the remaining medications when the campers left.

6. Campers were requested to bring their medications pre-packed on cards or in containers, with the medications placed in separate compartments designated by day and time of dispensing. For those campers whose medications were not organized, the nurse was to set them up in that manner for the week, later on Sunday.

7. The camp's Health Care Plan required that: "When a medication is given, it is so noted into the camper's 'Med Log Sheet.'" Respondent did not follow the requirement of the Health Care Plan and would routinely dispense a medication to a camper for six days and at the end of the week record the giving of medication by making one entry by writing her initials and drawing a line through the six days.

8. After several campers returned to their places of residence at the end of the week of camp, their caregivers reported that some of the campers' medications were still present and had not been dispensed as ordered and that other medications (not controlled substances) were missing, which had not been scheduled to have been dispensed and which the record did not show as having been dispensed.

9. Respondent failed to perform proper documentation of transactions relating to campers' medications.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent, by engaging in the conduct set out above, has violated Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.03(1) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Cheryl L. Britton, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED for the above conduct.
2. Respondent shall, within 120 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$300.00 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).
3. Payment shall be mailed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Fax (608) 266-2264
Telephone (608) 267-3817

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 9th day of December, 2004.

Jacqueline A. Johnsrud, R.N.

Chair

Board of Nursing