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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINING BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS	:	
AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
GARY G. VANDENHOUTEN,	:	Case LS 0512081NHA
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Cases #02 NHA 034, 03 NHA 002, and 03 NHA 014

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

Gary G. VandenHouten
1124 West Circle Drive
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

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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 Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gary G VandenHouten was born on May 30, 1947, and is duly licensed as a nursing home administrator in the State of Wisconsin (license # 65-2920). This license was first granted on August 12, 1997.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1124 West Circle Drive, Beaver Dam, WI 53916.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as nursing home administrator at Columbus Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Columbus, WI.

4. From July 19, 2001, through December 20, 2001, Dennis Rugg worked at Columbus Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as a registered nurse.
5. Dennis Rugg is not and was not at any time relevant to this action licensed to practice nursing.
6. Respondent did not take action to confirm Mr. Rugg's licensure status until January 2, 2002, when he confirmed through the DRL web site that Rugg did not have a license.
7. Respondent is no longer working as a nursing home administrator and does not intend to return to such a position.
8. Respondent tenders the voluntary surrender of his license as a means of resolving the pending investigations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 456.10, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44 (5).
2. Wis. Stat. § 50.065 (2) (b) requires all nursing homes to obtain information regarding the status of a caregiver's credentials from DRL.
3. The conduct described in paragraph 6 above constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § NHA 5.02 (1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The voluntary surrender of Gary G. VandenHouten's license to practice as a nursing home administrator in the State of Wisconsin is hereby accepted.
2. In the event the Respondent reapplies for a nursing home administrator license or requests the reinstatement of the license, the full costs of \$200 must be paid prior to the Board's consideration of such a request.
3. Division of Enforcement Cases #02 NHA 034, 03 NHA 002, and 03 NHA 014 are hereby closed.
4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

By: Jerry Schallock
A Member of the Board

12-08-05
Date