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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LYNN K. HODGSON, L.P.N., : LS0601266NUR
RESPONDENT. :

02 NUR 129

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

Lynn K. Hodgson, L.P.N.
N162 W19317 Oakland Dr.
Jackson, WI 53037

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
1400 E. Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter, Lynn K. Hodgson, L.P.N., Respondent, Robert J. Heath, her attorney, and James E. Polewski, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin 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. Lynn K. Hodgson, L.P.N., N162 W19317 Oakland Drive., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53037 (D.O.B. July 17, 1962) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a Licensed Practical Nurse (license # 26197). This license was first granted on May 26, 1983.
2. An investigation, entitled 02 NUR 129 is pending before the Wisconsin Board of Nursing.
3. On April 29, 2002 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Respondent administered 14 units of Novolin 70/30 insulin to Resident JP whose blood sugar level was 74.
4. Respondent did not normally work the P.M. shift and had not taken care of nursing home Resident JP before. During report, Respondent was informed that Resident JP was an insulin dependent diabetic, was a good eater, and had a strong appetite.
5. At approximately 9:00 p.m. Respondent tested Resident JP's blood sugar level, which was 83. This was a nine point increase in four and a half hours. This blood glucose reading didn't alarm the Respondent because Resident JP was alert and orientated.
6. At approximately 11:00 p.m., Respondent found Resident JP unconscious and not responding to stimuli, although Resident JP was breathing and audibly snoring. No other nurses were around to assist her, so Respondent left Resident JP to get a glucometer to check Resident JP's blood sugar level. In the hall Respondent met Nursing Supervisor RN ET and a medication aide. After being away from Resident JP for approximately one minute, Respondent, Nursing Supervisor ET and the medication aide all went to Resident JP's bedside. While standing at Resident JP's bedside, Respondent directed the medication aide to check Resident JP's blood sugar level while Respondent reported Resident JP's condition to Nurse Supervisor RN ET.

7. Respondent informed Nurse Supervisor RN ET about Resident JP's change in condition and unresponsiveness to stimuli. After offering assistance and staying on the unit for over 20 minutes beyond the end of Respondent's shift, Respondent left because it was the end of her shift and she believed that Nurse Supervisor RN ET would resolve the problem and did not need further assistance. Respondent did not document the change in Resident JP's condition or any other observations about Resident JP in the patient medical record before she left the hospital because she knew that Nurse Supervisor ET was addressing the situation.

8. Nursing Supervisor RN ET assessed Resident JP to be unconscious, not responding to stimuli, and with a critically low blood sugar level of 30.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. Respondent's failure to ensure that a resident consumed sufficient calories to maintain sufficient blood sugar levels after receiving insulin constituted a violation of Wis. Adm. Code sec. §N 7.03(1)(b) and (c) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code §441.07(1)(b) and (c).

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Lynn K. Hodgson, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Lynn K. Hodgson, L.P.N., shall, within six months from the date of this order, participate in and satisfactorily complete 6 hours of pre-approved continuing nursing education in nursing care of geriatric patients, including assessment and care of geriatric diabetics.

1. Respondent will be responsible for locating a course or courses satisfactory to the Wisconsin Board of Nursing or its designee and for obtaining the required pre-approval of the courses from the Wisconsin Board of Nursing prior to taking the courses.

2. Respondent is responsible for providing a description of the course content to the Department Monitor prior to commencement of the program.

3. Further, the Board may reject in whole or in part any educational opportunity which is nominated by Respondent when, in the Board's judgment, the syllabus or description of the course or other educational opportunity is insufficient to fulfill the purpose for which Respondent nominates it by reason of the educational opportunity's scope, content, method of instruction, or degree of participation required of students. If the Board approves an educational opportunity in fulfillment of less than the entire purpose for which Respondent nominates it, Respondent may either accept the Board's limited approval, or forego the opportunity entirely and select another course.

4. Respondent will be responsible for all of the costs of attending the educational programs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within 60 days after the courses are concluded, Respondent will file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing certifications from the sponsoring organization of his attendance at the required courses and her personal written affidavit that she has attended each course in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing be filed with:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
1400 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53708

All certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing will be deemed filed with the Board of Nursing upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Lynn K. Hodgson, L.P.N. will appear before the Wisconsin Board of Nursing, if an appearance is requested by the Board, at the conclusion of the education program to establish that she has complied with all of the terms of this Final Decision and Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Hodgson shall pay COSTS in the amount of one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00). Payment shall be submitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and sent to: Department Monitor, Division of Enforcement, Dept. of Regulation & Licensing, P. O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education the Respondent's license(#26197) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 26th day of January, 2006.

By: Marilyn Kaufmann Ph.D. RN
A Member of the Board