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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	
TINA M. ERICKSON, RN	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT	:	LS0609144NUR
	:	

(DOE CASE FILE 03 NUR 291)

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

Tina M. Erickson RN
5702 HWY R
Manitowoc, WI 54220

State of 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

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

An informal complaint is pending before the Board of Nursing in this matter. By way of resolution of this case, the parties, Tina M. Erickson RN, Respondent, and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, agreed to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Board has reviewed the Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tina M. Erickson, RN, Respondent herein, (D/O/B 5/11/62), is duly licensed by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin under license number 137031 which was initially granted on March 1, 2001.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 5702 Hwy R., Manitowoc, WI 54220.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent practiced as a registered nurse in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
4. On November 27, 2003, Respondent arrived late for work at River's Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin after being contacted by a coworker when she did not appear for her scheduled work shift.
5. Upon arrival, Respondent displayed uncharacteristic behavior and smelled of alcohol.
6. Respondent states that she had been out with family the night before celebrating and overslept. When contacted by her coworker, she had insufficient time to shower which she believes accounted for the smell of alcohol on her person.
7. Respondent has no history of alcohol abuse or work incidents involving alcohol.
8. At the beginning of her shift, Respondent recorded as completed all treatment she was to perform during the course of her shift.
9. Shortly after recording the patient treatments as completed, Respondent was asked to leave the facility by her supervisor.
10. Respondent had not completed the treatments at the time she left the facility.
11. Respondent has cooperated fully throughout this investigation and voluntarily agrees to entry of this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 441.07.
2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has the authority to resolve this matter by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 227.44(5).
3. Respondent's conduct violated Wis. Stat. sec. 441.07 (1) (b) and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.04(6) in that she falsified patient records to indicate that patient treatment had been completed when such treatment had not occurred.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is hereby accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Tina M. Erickson, RN, Respondent, is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Tina M. Erickson, RN shall pay costs in this matter in the amount of Six Hundred and Seventy Two (\$672) dollars payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in installments of Fifty Six (\$56)

dollars to be paid on the 1st day of each month commencing November 1, 2006 and ending on October 1, 2007. Payment of costs shall be mailed to:

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the pending investigation 03 NUR 291 is hereby closed.

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 pay costs as ordered Respondent's license (#137031) SHALL BE

SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 14th day of September, 2006.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board