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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

NAOMI WIDELL, R.N., :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0703301NUR

Division of Enforcement Case # 04 NUR 108

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

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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 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. Naomi Widell, R.N, ("Respondent") was born on October 11, 1946, and is licensed to practice professional nursing in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 121740. Respondent's registration expired on February 28, 2006.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is P.O. Box 5, Hammond, Wisconsin 54015.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Baldwin Hospital, Baldwin, Wisconsin.

4. On April 30, 2004, Respondent was arrested by the Minnesota State Patrol in consequence of a traffic stop for driving with a suspended license. In the course of the arrest, the State Patrol Trooper found a number of vials, hypodermic syringes, and tablets of various controlled substances in Respondent's vehicle and in her purse. In the course of the ensuing investigation, Respondent and her employer explained Respondent's possession of the drugs at the time as legal, incident to her licensed occupation, but inappropriate as careless practice of security of and lax handling of controlled substances. Respondent and her employer attributed the careless practice of security of controlled substances to Respondent's sleep deprivation and to stress and anxiety from personal and work situations.

5. Respondent was not charged with any criminal violation related to her possession of the various drugs found in her possession at the time of the traffic stop.

6. Respondent has decided to leave the practice of nursing, and has tendered the permanent surrender of her license to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin, and her privileges to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Multi-State Nursing Compact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §441.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Board of Nursing accepts the permanent SURRENDER of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin, and her privileges to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Multi-State Nursing Compact.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT

2. Respondent's registration shall not be renewed, nor her license reinstated.

3. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board

6/21/07
Date

