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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

:

JENNIFER WALLS VEINBERG, L.P.N., : LS07100420NUR RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Case #04 NUR 35/253

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

Jennifer Walls Veinberg, LPN 2481 Chns-Na-Mar Rd. Dodgeville, WI 53533

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

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. 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. Jennifer Walls Veinberg (D.O.B. 5/22/69) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a practical nurse (license #32706). This license was first granted on 9/24/94.
- 2. Between 8/26/02 and 12/9/03, Respondent was the Residence Director for two Touchstone Senior Services community based residential facilities: Sylvan Crossings, Fitchburg, Wisconsin, and Chapel Valley, Belleville, Wisconsin.
- 3. On 11/22/02 and 8/4/03, Respondent received checks from the guardian of a resident for \$200 each, for the purpose of providing "petty cash" for the benefit of the resident. Pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code HFS § 83.17(3), these checks were cashed and the proceeds kept in an special envelope with provisions for accounting for all disbursements.
- 4. Respondent did not, at least each six months, provide a written report to the guardian of the resident, as required by Wis. Adm. Code § HFS 83.17(3)(a)3.
- 5. Following Respondent's termination on 12/9/03, the envelope, any remaining cash, and records of disbursement, could not be located.
- 6. On 10/10/03, Respondent personally conducted the disposal of medications which were no longer needed or ordered for residents of the facilities; these included narcotics and other controlled substances.
 - 7. Respondent failed to provide for adequate controls to prevent diversion of these medications, and required

certain staff to sign forms which stated that they had witnessed the destruction when, in fact, they had not.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

By the conduct described in pars. 4 and 7, above, respondent is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §441.07(1)(b), (c) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.03(1)(a), (b), (c), (e), and N 7.04(1) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached stipulation is accepted, and:

- 1. Jennifer Walls Veinberg, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.
- 2. The license of Respondent to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin is LIMITED as follows:
- a. Respondent shall provide her health care employers with a copy of this Order before engaging in any health care employment.
- b. No later than 12/31/07, Respondent shall take and successfully complete the following continuing education, which shall have been pre-approved by the Board or its designee: twelve hours in the area of ethics for health care providers.
- 3. 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 full payment of the Costs as set forth below, or fails to provide satisfactory evidence of having completed all with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied in full with all the terms of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$1,950, no later than March 5, 2009.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board

10/4/07 Date