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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
KAREN A. SCHREIER, R.N.,	:	LS07121310NUR
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 07 NUR 178

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

Karen A. Schreier, R.N.
50 Whitcomb Circle, Unit 13
Madison, WI 53711

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Board of Nursing
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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. Karen A. Schreier, R.N., (DOB 05/19/1955) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 30-73034). This license was first granted on April 6, 1979.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 50 Whitcomb Circle, Madison, Wisconsin, 53711.
3. On or about December 14, 2006, Respondent was working as a registered nurse at Oak Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Madison, Wisconsin.
4. Resident R.H. had been given Morphine CR (continuous release) 30 mg at 7:00 a.m. She also had an order for morphine (regular or immediate release) 10 mg every six hours PRN.

5. Respondent administered 10 mg of morphine to Resident R.H. at 10:30 a.m. She then administered a second dose of morphine to Resident R.H. at 11:40 a.m., just 70 minutes later. There was no documentation of vital signs taken.

6. Respondent received other morphine doses as scheduled. The medication error was not called in to a physician until 10:30 p.m. on December 14, 2006. By this time Resident R.H. was lethargic and falling asleep mid-sentence. The resident was sent to the emergency room at approximately 5:00 a.m. on December 15, 2006. The diagnoses included respiratory failure and hypoxia secondary to a combination of sepsis/pneumonia and narcotic-induced respiratory depression.

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).

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 4-6 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § N 7.03(1) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Karen A. Schreier, R.N. is REPRIMANDED.
2. The license of Karen A. Schreier, R.N. to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin, and her privilege to practice pursuant to the Multi-State Nursing Compact, is LIMITED as follows:
 - (a) Respondent, at her own expense, shall complete six (6) hours of pre-approved continuing education in medication administration, and six (6) hours of pre-approved continuing education in physical assessment of geriatric patients, within 90 days of the date of this Order. Respondent is responsible for finding appropriate courses and submitting the course information to the Board for approval prior to taking the courses and in sufficient time to obtain board approval within the 90 day time frame, taking into account the board's meeting schedule.
 - (b) Pursuant to Uniform Nursing Licensure Compact regulations, Respondent's nursing practice is limited to Wisconsin during the pendency of this limitation and any subsequent related limitations. This requirement may be waived only upon the prior written authorization of both the Wisconsin Board of Nursing and of the regulatory board in the state in which Respondent proposes to practice.
 - (c) Upon proof of successful completion of the above-described continuing education, Respondent's license will return to full status.
3. Respondent shall, within six (6) months from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
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4. 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 or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license (# 30-73034) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

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

Board of Nursing

By: Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board

12/13/2007
Date

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DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
KAREN A. SCHREIER, R.N.,	:	LS# _____
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 07 NUR 178

Karen A. Schreier, R.N., personally on her own behalf, and Jeanette Lytle, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, stipulate:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Respondent's licensure by the Division of Enforcement (case # 07 NUR 178). Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation.
2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation she voluntarily and knowingly waives her rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against her, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to call witnesses on her behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify herself; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to her under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and any other provisions of state or federal law.
3. Respondent has been provided an opportunity to obtain the advice of legal counsel prior to signing this stipulation.
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Board of Nursing. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by consideration of this attempted resolution.
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Enforcement and any member of the Board of Nursing ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of the Respondent or her attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with the Board's deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such Board advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's final decision and order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
8. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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Date

Jeanette Lytle, Attorney
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