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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JULIE K. LASSA, R.N., A.P.N.P.,
RESPONDENT.

LS0805017NUR

Division of Enforcement Case #07 NUR 331

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

Julie K. Lassa, RN, APNP
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Onalaska, WI 54650

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
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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. 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. Julie K. Lassa (D.O.B. 7/24/69) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional nurse (license # 119678). This license was first granted on 6/8/95. She was granted a credential as an Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber, # 2332, on 10/14/03.
2. On 9/23/07, Respondent telephoned the home of a patient and solicited the patient to provide her with the unneeded portion of a morphine prescription which the patient had previously received for post-surgical pain. Respondent had recently suffered a broken arm, and desired additional pain medication for herself. The patient declined to provide Respondent with any medication.
3. A comprehensive fitness for duty evaluation conducted on 11/20/07, at Mayo Clinic, which resulted in an opinion that Respondent is not chemically dependent and is otherwise fit for duty as a nurse.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

By the conduct described above, respondent is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(b), (c), (d), and (e), and § 961.41(3g)(am), and Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.04(intro), (1) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached Stipulation is approved, and:

1. Julie K. Lassa, R.N., A.P.N.P., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.
2. The credentials of Respondent to practice as a nurse and as an advanced practice nurse practitioner in the state of Wisconsin is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Respondent shall, no later than 12/31/08, successfully complete nine hours of continuing education in the area of ethics and boundaries, which shall have been pre-approved by the Board or its designee.
 - b. For five years from the date of this Order, Respondent shall provide her current and any future nursing employers with a copy of this Order before engaging in any nursing employment.
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 comply with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with 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 \$700, no later than 8/5/08. If not paid, Respondent's credentials shall be SUSPENDED without further notice or hearing, until they are paid in full, together with any accrued interest.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board

May 1, 2008
Date