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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**
:
MARY BETH KRAMER, L.P.N., : LS0902267NUR
RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Case #05 NUR 39

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

Mary Beth Kramer
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Milwaukee, WI 53208

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
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Division of Enforcement
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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. Mary Beth Kramer (D.O.B. 2/8/56) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a practical nurse (license # 21417). This license was first granted on 5/18/79.
2. Respondent was previously disciplined by the Board on 7/11/02 for diversion of oxycodone, and was placed on the usual monitoring and treatment order. Respondent successfully completed the requirements of the Order, and her unlimited license was restored on 8/3/07.
3. On 1/26/05, and while employed as a nurse at the Milwaukee South Health Care Center, Respondent failed to administer prescribed insulin to a resident.
4. On 2/5/05, and while employed at the same facility, Respondent signed out a hydrocodone product to a resident, but failed to document the administration of the medication to the resident; on a second occasion later in the morning, Respondent signed out a second tablet of this product for the patient, but failed to document the administration of it, and failed to inform the appropriate persons that she had administered the medication when the patient was transported to the hospital for unrelated reasons, shortly after the administration of the second dose.
5. Respondent was required to submit a sample of her urine for testing following this incident, and it was negative for hydrocodone. At no time following this incident were any of the monitoring screens done pursuant to the Board's 7/11/02 Order, positive for any unprescribed controlled substance. The Board infers that the facts described in par. 4, above, constitute a case of failure to document and report, and not diversion.

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) 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 Mary Beth Kramer, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$1,000, by 4/5/09. If not paid, Respondent's license 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

February 26, 2009
Date