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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MARY E. COENEN, L.P.N.,	:	LS0904024NUR
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 06 NUR 466

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

Mary E. Coenen, L.P.N.
429 Maple St.
Sauk City, WI 53583

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Board of Nursing
Department of Regulation & Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
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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. Mary E. Coenen, L.P.N., (DOB 12-06-1948) is duly licensed as a practical nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 31-9613). This license was first granted on December 9, 1969.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 429 Maple Street, Sauk City, Wisconsin, 53583.
3. At all relevant times, Respondent worked in a nursing home. Nursing home resident A had diagnoses including Alzheimer’s disease. Resident A frequently carried a doll, which she referred to and treated as her baby.
4. On more than one occasion, Respondent asked Resident A if she could see her baby, then intentionally dropped the doll. On one occasion, Respondent told Resident A that the baby’s arm had broken, after dropping it. The doll’s arm was not actually broken. On another occasion, Respondent asked to see the baby then dropped it several times,

until the doll's head fell off. Resident A was visibly upset by these incidents.

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 3-4 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § N 7.04(4), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Mary E. Coenen, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. The license of Mary E. Coenen, L.P.N., to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin, and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, is LIMITED as follows:
 - (a) Respondent, at her own expense, shall complete six (6) hours of pre-approved continuing education in treating patients with Alzheimer's disease, and six (6) hours of pre-approved continuing education in patient abuse, 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 course and in sufficient time to obtain board approval within the 90 day time frame, taking into account the board's meeting schedule.
 - (b) For a period of at least one (1) year from the date of this Order, Respondent shall arrange for quarterly reports from her nursing employer(s) reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance. These reports shall be submitted to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement, at P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708-8935.
 - (c) For a period of at least one (1) year from the date of this Order, Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse or other licensed health care professional approved by the Board or its designee and only in a work setting pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent may not work in a home health care, hospice, pool nursing, or agency setting.
 - (d) Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of nursing employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.
3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817
Fax (608) 266-2264

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 (#31-9613) 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 4/2/09
A Member of the Board
STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
MARY E. COENEN, L.P.N.,	:	LS# _____
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 06 NUR 466

Mary E. Coenen, L.P.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 # 06 NUR 466). 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. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order would constitute an agency finding within the meaning of Wis. Stats. §§ 48.685 and 50.065. Should Respondent wish to work in a Wisconsin DHS-licensed facility, he will need to pass a Rehabilitation Review through DHS prior to commencement of such employment.

9. 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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Mary E. Coenen, L.P.N. 429 Maple St. Sauk City, WI 53583	Date

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Jeanette Lytle, Attorney Division of Enforcement Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935	Date