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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LINDA L. HUFF, R.N., : LS0909034NUR
RESPONDENT. :

[Division of Enforcement Case # 06 NUR 134]

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

Linda L. Huff, R.N.
7031 W. Burleigh Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

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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. Linda L. Huff, R.N., (“Respondent”) was born on August 15, 1957 is licensed as a professional nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license # 105115). This license was first granted on September 9, 1990.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 7031 W. Burleigh Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a professional nurse at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
4. On May 7, 2004, Respondent incorrectly documented the administration of an annual PPD test as a Step 1 PPD test.

5. Between May 10 and July 12, 2004, on twenty occasions, Respondent failed to enter correct information into medical records identifying the patient that was having the PPD skin test administration or reading as a new or current employee, as a new or current volunteer, or as a without compensation employee.
6. Between May 10 and July 16, 2004, Respondent failed to enter tuberculosis administration information into the Computerized Patient Records System ("CPRS") for ten patients.
7. On May 14, 2004, Respondent incorrectly documented a PPD skin test done elsewhere as having been done at Marquette University.
8. On May 14, 2004, Respondent entered PPD test information in the wrong patient's medical record.
9. Between May 24 and June 23, 2004, Respondent improperly administered PPD skin tests to five patients under 18 years of age or younger.
10. On May 26, 2004, Respondent improperly administered the PPD test on the lower part of the patient's forearm.
11. On May 26, 2004, Respondent incorrectly documented an annual PPD test as a post-exposure PPD test.
12. Between June 2 and July 16, 2004, Respondent failed to enter PPD administration for six patients on the Employee Health Clinic Record Card.
13. On June 2, 2004, Respondent failed to enter the administration site into a patient record.
14. On June 4, 2004, Respondent incorrectly entered 08/04 as the expiration date on the PPD test, when the correct expiration date was 08/05.
15. On June 16, 2004, Respondent incorrectly recorded that a patient's PPD test was being repeated because the initial test had not been read. However, Respondent had read and documented the initial test on June 11, 2004.
16. On June 25, 2004, Respondent incorrectly documented a PPD test done at another facility as having been done on April 1, 2004, when it was actually done on April 1, 2003.
17. On June 30, 2004, Respondent incorrectly documented an annual PPD skin test as a Step 1 PPD test.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.7, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. Respondent's conduct of improperly administering the PPD skin test on multiple occasions, incorrectly documenting the administration of the PPD skin test on multiple occasions, and incorrectly documenting the PPD skin test results on multiple occasions as described in paragraph(s) 4 - 17, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Adm. Code. § 7.03(1)(b) and Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c).

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective the date of this order that:

1. Linda L. Huff, R.N. is REPRIMANDED.

2. Respondent shall, within six months from the date of this Order, successfully complete a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education in the area of record keeping.

3. Respondent shall, within six months from the date of this Order, successfully complete a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education in the area of the proper physical sites for injections and proper administration of intramuscular and subcutaneous injections.

4. The Board or its designee must approve all continuing education programs prior to Respondent enrolling in, attending, or completing a continuing education program. Respondent shall send a Certificate of Completion for each continuing education program to the Department Monitor upon successful completion of each continuing education program. Respondent is responsible for all costs of any continuing education program.

5. Respondent shall, within NINETY (90) days from the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this proceeding in the amount of Six Hundred (\$600.00) dollars. 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

6. 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 (# 105115) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

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

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board

9/3/09
Date