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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
: :
EDNA M. BOYKINS, L.P.N., : ORDER 0000182
RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Case No. 08 NUR 263

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

Edna M. Boykins, L.P.N.
1953 W. Keefe Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53206

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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 this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Edna M. Boykins, L.P.N., (DOB 03/01/1963) is duly licensed as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license No. 302078-31). This license was first granted on May 14, 1999.

2. Respondent's address on record with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 1953 W. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53206.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a licensed practical nurse at Brookfield Rehabilitation & Specialty Care in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

4. On June 27, 2008, Respondent assisted a registered nurse who was administering blood for a patient transfusion. Before starting the transfusion, licensed staff are required to verify that blood is administered to the patient for whom it is intended, and sign a document confirming that the verification occurred. The registered nurse and Respondent both signed a document that said, "Patient identification & information on blood bag label & this form are correct." Neither the registered nurse nor Respondent actually verified the patient identification information. The registered nurse said that she told Respondent to sign the document without requiring that Respondent had verified the information. As a result, the registered nurse administered blood intended for another patient, even though the blood was properly labeled. The blood type was not that of the patient for whom it was administered.

5. Administration of an incompatible blood type can be fatal. The skill and care of a competent licensed practical nurse required Respondent to actually verify that the blood was intended for the patient to whom it was administered. The skill and care of a competent licensed practical nurse required Respondent to actually do what she said she did before documenting a medical record. Respondent's responsibilities were not relieved by the registered nurse's direction to the contrary.

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. Respondent, by engaging in the conduct described above, has violated the standards of practice for the nursing, in violation of Wis. Admin. Code § N 6.05, which is negligence, as defined by Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.03(1)(a). Respondent is therefore subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Edna M. Boykins, L.P.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.

This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: *Karen Ann*
Member of the Board

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Date

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