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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	
KAREN J. HOFFMANN, R.N.,	:	ORDER 0000194
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case No. 09 NUR 227

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

Karen J. Hoffman, R.N.
9351 State Hwy 101
Armstrong Creek, WI 54103

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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. Karen J. Hoffman, R.N., (DOB 06/13/1960) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license No. 110831-30). This license was first granted on September 11, 1992.

2. Respondent's address on record with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 9351 State Hwy 101, Armstrong Creek, WI 54103.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a registered nurse at Hoffmann's Paradise CBRF in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.
4. On or about June 17, 2009, Respondent, while working without adequate staff, failed to document the administration of medications and PRN medication response.
5. Respondent failed to conduct background checks on 3 staff members before hire.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07.
2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has authority to resolve this proceeding by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

REMEDIAL ORDER FOR EDUCATION

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Karen J. Hoffmann, R.N., shall, within six (6) months from the date of this Final Decision and Order, submit acceptable documentation of successful completion of a 2-day managers CBRF course in legal requirements and costs pre-approved by the Board. Acceptable documentation of completion of continuing education shall include: certification from the sponsoring organization as well as a statement signed by respondent verifying her attendance at the course and completion of course requirements.
2. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving reports and coordinating all requests for approval of education or other petitions. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor
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3. Karen J. Hoffmann, R.N. will be responsible for paying the full cost of attendance at this course.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

4. The Division Administrator has waived the costs of this proceeding.
5. 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 comply with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license (#110831-30) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Kathleen Shum
A Member of the Board

5/6/10
Date