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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
CATHERINE A. DOERFLER, R.N.,	:	<u>ORDER 0000224</u>
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 09 NUR 228

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

Catherine A. Doerfler, R.N.
3228 N. Dousman St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212

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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 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. Catherine A. Doerfler, R.N., (DOB 07/05/1952) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 30-88082). This license was first granted on August 21, 1984.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 3228 N. Dousman Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53212.

3. At all relevant times, Respondent worked as a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee.

4. For some period of time, Respondent was in an intimate relationship with the husband of V.K. After V.K.'s husband broke off the relationship, in November of 2008, Respondent began contacting V.K. with e-mails, cards and letters, in which she wrote of her love for V.K.'s husband.

5. In the Spring of 2009, V.K. was receiving treatment for breast cancer at St. Luke's Hospital. She warned St. Luke's that Respondent might try to access her medical records and requested that they prohibit any such access.

6. On May 6, 2009, V.K.'s birthday, Respondent did in fact access her St. Luke's medical records, without authorization and without any medical reason.

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 paragraph 6 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § N 7.04(1) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Catherine Doerfler, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. The license of Catherine Doerfler, R.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 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and six (6) hours of pre-approved continuing education in professional boundaries, within 180 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

180 day time frame, taking into account the board's meeting schedule.

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
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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 (#30-88082) may 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
A Member of the Board

6/3/10
Date