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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 :
SUZANNE K. ERICKSON, R.N., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. : ORDER 0000225

[Division of Enforcement Case # 07 NUR 429]

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

Suzanne K. Erickson, R.N.
2526 Daman Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701

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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. Suzanne K. Erickson, R.N., (DOB June 13, 1941) is duly licensed as professional nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license # 54884). This license was first granted on November 5, 1971 and is expired as of March, 2010

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 2526 Daman Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 45701.

3. On November 12, 2007, Respondent, while employed as a professional nurse at Wissota Health & Regional Vent Center, diverted a punch card containing 30 tablets of oxycodone from a patient for her personal use.

4. On August 19, 2008, Respondent was convicted of possession of an illegally obtained prescription, a violation of Wis. Stats. § 450.11(7)(h), and theft of movable property <=\$2,500, a violation of Wis. Stats. § 943.20(1)(a). Respondent was sentenced to 2 years of probation, ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, ordered to pay costs, and ordered to obtain an alcohol assessment and follow through and complete all required treatment.

5. Respondent is not currently practicing as a professional nurse, does not hold a current license, and has decided to retire from the practice of nursing.

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, and 4, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stats. § 441.07(1) (d) and Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.04(1) and N 7.04(2).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the SURRENDER of the right to renew the Wisconsin license of Suzanne K. Erickson, R.N., is ACCEPTED. Respondent shall not practice nursing in Wisconsin, including under the Nurse Licensure Compact, without a license from the Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

In the event Respondent wishes to resume the practice of nursing at some time in the future, she may petition the Board for reinstatement of her license. The Board may grant or deny that request or reinstate the license with conditions as the Board deems appropriate for the protection of the public at the time of the request for reinstatement. If the Board grants reinstatement, Respondent shall pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED-FIFTY DOLLARS (\$450). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
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Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board

6/3/10
Date