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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

LAURIE A. BLUM, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

INTERIM ORDER
ORDER 0000321

Division of Enforcement Case # 09 NUR 406

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

Laurie A. Blum, R.N.
82 Yacoub Lane
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
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Madison, WI 53708-8935

Board of Nursing
Department of Regulation & Licensing
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation during the pendency 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. Laurie A. Blum, R.N., (DOB 05/24/1966) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 30- 156706). This license was first granted on December 1, 2006.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 82 Yacoub Lane, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 54935.

3. At all relevant times, Respondent worked as a nurse at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution.

4. It has been alleged that, beginning in early November of 2009, and continuing until early December of 2009, Respondent had sexual contact with an inmate, including six instances of sexual contact in an exam room.

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 4, if proven, would constitute a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § N 7.04(1) and (11) and would subject Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

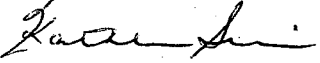
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a nurse in the State of Wisconsin, and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin under another license pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, is indefinitely suspended effective the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the suspension shall continue until the entry of a Final Decision and Order on the Notice of Hearing and Complaint filed in this matter.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
A Member of the Board

7/22/10
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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| | : | STIPULATION |
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| RESPONDENT. | : | |

Division of Enforcement Case # 09 NUR 406

Laurie A. Blum, R.N., personally and by her attorney Linda L. Harfst; and Jeanette Lytle, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, stipulate:

1. Laurie A. Blum, R.N. (DOB 05/24/1966) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 30-156706). This license was first granted on December 1, 2006.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 82 Yacoub Lane, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 54935.
3. A complaint was filed with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing alleging that Respondent had a sexual relationship with an inmate, who was her patient.
4. A hearing date on that complaint is to be determined.
5. Respondent is currently not practicing as a nurse and agrees that, while the Interim Order is in effect, she will not practice as a nurse in Wisconsin, and will not practice as a nurse in any other state under her Wisconsin license, pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact.
6. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation providing for an Interim Order, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives significant rights, pertaining to the interim order only, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent; the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify personally; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and any other provisions of state or federal law.

7. Respondent has obtained the advice of legal counsel prior to signing this stipulation.

8. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Interim Order by the Board of Nursing. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Interim Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

9. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner.

10. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Enforcement and any member of the Board of Nursing ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of the Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with the Board's deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such case advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.

11. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Interim Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

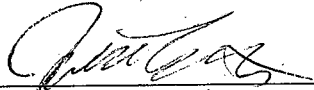
12. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.

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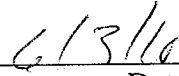
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