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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:
LINDA S. STONE, R.N.,	: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER : ORDER 0000376
RESPONDENT.	:

# Division of Enforcement Case # 08 NUR 343

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

Linda S. Stone, R.N. 3339 N. Bremen Milwaukee, WI 53212

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

Board of Nursing Department of Regulation & Licensing 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

## 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. Linda S. Stone, R.N., (DOB 10/30/1959) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 30-103865). This license was first granted on March 16, 1990.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 3206 A North Booth, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53212. Upon information and belief, her current address is actually P.O. box 42, Corning, AR 72422-0042.

3. In or about 2007 and 2008, Respondent was providing nursing services at an Oak Creek, Wisconsin company. While employed there, Respondent dated a patient/co-worker, R.H. R.H. became abusive, and some abusive behavior occurred in the company's health office.

4. Respondent voluntarily underwent an assessment by a licensed clinical social with experience in treating health care professionals with boundary issues. The assessor found that Respondent had an excellent understanding of professional boundaries, she used sound judgment, she had good impulse control, and she was a healthy and stable professional. The assessor did not believe there was any need for further therapy, boundary education or supervision.

#### 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 3 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code  $\S N$  7.04(11) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat.  $\S$  441.07(1)(d).

#### **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Linda S. Stone, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. If the Department receives a subsequent credible allegation against Respondent of abuse, neglect or misappropriation, the Department Monitor shall without further notice or hearing notify the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services that the findings set forth in this Order shall thereafter constitute an agency finding of neglect for the purposes of Wis. Stat. §§ 48.685 and 50.065. Respondent shall then REFRAIN from any nursing employment in any facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services until such time as Respondent successfully completes a rehabilitation review administered by DHFS.

3. Respondent shall, within 180 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) pursuant to § 440.22(2), Stats.

4. All requests, notifications and payment shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Department Monitor Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement 1400 East Washington Ave. P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935 Telephone (608) 267-3817 Fax (608) 266-2264

5. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered, Respondent's license (#30-103865) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be suspended, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

6. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 2 day of Serton Sec., 2010.

Board of Nursing

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A Member of the Board