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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

BROOKE RENEE STEINACKER, R.N.,  
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

: Order 00004101  
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[Division of Enforcement Case # 09 NUR 019]

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

Brooke Renee Steinacker, R.N.  
W6925 Glen Valley Drive  
Greenville, WI 54942

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 adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Brooke Renee Steinacker, R.N., Respondent, date of birth August 26, 1979, is licensed by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 147889, which was first granted April 14, 2005.
2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is W6925 Glen Valley Drive, Greenville, WI 54942.
3. At the time of the events set out below, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse by Affinity Visiting Nurses, a private home health agency in Neenah, Wisconsin.

4. On December 23, 2008, Respondent saw Ms. A, a complex patient with multiple issues. Respondent started the visit by taking Ms. A's vitals and performing a complete assessment, followed by dressing changes. Respondent noted that Ms. A needed some ordered labs drawn.

5. Ms. A had a Groshong line in place. Because Respondent had never drawn labs from this type of line before, she attempted to do a venipuncture to draw the labs. Ms. A's veins were poor and Respondent attempted twice without result. Respondent then decided to access the Groshong line to draw the labs.

6. After drawing the labs, Respondent realized that she did not have any more sterile pre-filled saline syringes to flush the Groshong line which was filled with blood from the blood draw. Ms. A did not know where the syringes were and Respondent could not find them. Respondent felt that she needed to get the line flushed before it clotted as this could cause significant problems for Ms. A. Respondent decided to use a bottle of non-sterile irrigation saline that had been opened and used for wound care. Respondent poured the irrigation saline into the cap and used a non-sterile syringe to draw up the saline which was then injected into the Groshong. Respondent did not call the office to ask for assistance or direction on what to do prior to performing this procedure. Ms. A did not have any adverse reaction to the procedure.

7. As a result of her actions, Respondent was placed on an unpaid, 3-day suspension.

8. Respondent, at the recommendation of the Division of Enforcement and at her own expense, completed the following continuing education programs:

- a. *Infection Control Training for Healthcare workers* (3 hours) – April 25, 2010
- b. *Targeting Therapy with Central Venous Access Devices* (2 hours) – April 28, 2010

#### 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. Respondent, by engaging in the conduct set out above, has committed negligence as defined by Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.03(1)(b), which subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c).

#### ORDER

##### IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Brooke Renee Steinacker, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED for the above conduct.

2. Respondent, by having completed the relevant continuing education set out in Finding of Fact 8, above, no further education is required.

3. The license of Brooke Renee Steinacker, R.N., to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin, and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, are LIMITED as follows:

- a. For a period of at least two (2) years from the date of this order, Respondent shall work only under direct supervision, and only in a work setting pre-approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in a home health, agency or pool position.
- b. For a period of at least two (2) years from the date of this Order, Respondent shall arrange for quarterly reports from her nursing employer(s) reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance. These reports shall be submitted to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement, at P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708-8935.
- c. Pursuant to Uniform Nurse Licensure Compact regulations, Respondent's nursing practice is limited to Wisconsin during the pendency of this limitation. This requirement may be waived only upon the prior written authorization of both the Wisconsin Board of Nursing and the regulatory board in the state in which Respondent proposes to practice.
- d. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of nursing employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.

4. Respondent shall, within 90 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$500.00 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2). Payment shall be mailed or delivered to:

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

5. In the event that Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered, Respondent's license 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 is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Lachen Allen  
A Member of the Board

10-14-10  
Date