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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

KRISTI L. HAAKENSEN-KOMRO, R.N., :
RESPONDENT. :

Order 0000618

Division of Enforcement Case #09 NUR 153

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

Kristi L. Haakenson-Komro
720 Harriet St.
Altoona, WI 54720

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
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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. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kristi L. Haakenson-Komro (D.O.B. 5/1/68) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional nurse (license # 150188). This license was first granted on 2/16/05.
2. On 4/12/09, Respondent was employed by Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. On this day, Respondent performed an intake and initial assessment on new patient L.C., a patient discharged to home from a hospital, recovering from a surgical procedure, and who would need dressing changes on the bottom of his left foot. The patient also had a surgical dressing on his groin, and the plan of care was for the nurse to monitor this area as well. Respondent did not do a full skin assessment, and did not chart anything about the groin

wound, including, as she asserted during the investigation of this matter, that the patient refused to allow Respondent to assess his groin area, and stated that he would care for that area, himself.

3. As a result, Respondent did not subsequently assess or inquire about the patient's groin wound, or delegate its care to the assigned L.P.N. The abdominal wound became infected and required rehospitalization of the patient.

4. During the investigation of this matter, Respondent stated to the Board's investigating staff that she had been directed by her employer to assess and care for only the patient's foot, and that her employing agency had trained her not to do full skin assessments on admissions. In fact, the written directive from Respondent's supervisor on the "Referral Tracking Sheet" states: "Pt also had fem/fem bypass and will require some wound monitoring in groin area as well as foot ulcer." In fact, Respondent's training materials from her orientation clearly state that full skin assessments are the standard of care for her employer.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

By the conduct described above, respondent is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(b), (c) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.03(1)(a), (b), (c), and N 7.04(intro) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that :

1. Kristi L. Haakenson-Komro, R.N., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.
2. The license of Kristi L. Haakenson-Komro, R.N., to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. No later than four months after the date of this Order, Respondent shall demonstrate successful completion of the following continuing education, which shall have been pre-approved by the Board or its designee:
 - 6 hours in the area of documentation and charting;
 - 4 hours in physical assessment of the skin; and
 - 5 hours in the area of nursing ethics.
 - b. The following courses, offered by the Learning Extension of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, are pre-approved; Respondent may propose other courses:
 - For the documentation requirement: "Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care"
 - For the nursing ethics requirement: "Ethics of Nursing Practice"
 - c. Respondent shall provide her nursing employers with a copy of this Order before engaging or continuing in any nursing employment.

The Limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license and Respondent will be granted a full, unrestricted license after satisfying the Board or its designee that he has successfully completed all of the ordered continuing education.

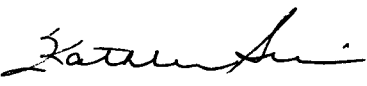
3. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. (If the order includes costs, forfeitures or continuing education add the next clause) In the event Respondent fails to timely satisfactory completion of the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Respondent's license may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has demonstrated completion of the continuing education.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice nursing in compact states.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Wisconsin pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Wisconsin Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$550, within 120 days of this Order. If not paid, Respondent's license may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until they are paid in full, including any accrued interest.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: 

A Member of the Board

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