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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

BETSY E. WIECZOREK, R.N., :
RESPONDENT. :

Order 00001628

Division of Enforcement Cases #09 NUR 283, 10 NUR 476, 10 NUR 602

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

Betsy E. Wieczorek
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Racine, WI 53143

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
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. Betsy Ellen Wieczorek (D.O.B. 2/10/55) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional nurse (license #86305). This license was first granted on 9/1/83. Respondent is or has been licensed in Minnesota, Oregon, Maine, and Florida.

09 NUR 283

2. On 8/5/09, Respondent submitted a Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification card from the American Heart Association, to a prospective employer, Aureus Medical Group of Omaha, Nebraska, an agency which provides nurses for temporary assignment

in a variety of settings. This certification card had been altered by Respondent to show that it was current, when, in fact, it had expired in March, 2009.

3. On 8/2/10, Respondent gave a statement to Board staff that she was unable to pay for a timely recertification course, but was in the process of taking such a course when Aureus discovered the altered card.

10 NUR 476

4. On 9/28/10, Respondent submitted a sample of urine from her body for a pre-employment test for Favorite Staffing, of Overland Park, Kansas, an agency providing nurses for temporary assignments. The sample was positive for metabolites of cocaine, which was confirmed upon retesting. Respondent denies that she had ingested cocaine, but agrees that she had no medically or legally valid reason to have cocaine in her body. A subsequent hair test was negative for cocaine and its metabolites, indicating no substantial long-term use.

10 NUR 602

5. On 11/10/10, Respondent was disciplined by the Minnesota Board of Nursing for the facts described in par. 2, above, which had also been reported to that state. Respondent also failed to respond to two letters from the Minnesota Board of Nursing, requesting information regarding the matter, and failed to appear at a conference with the Board's Review Panel which was scheduled following her failure to respond. Her Minnesota license was suspended and she was ordered to pay a civil forfeiture of \$500, plus costs. She may apply for a termination of the suspension at any time.

6. Since the above incidents, Respondent has successfully completed the course *Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know*, offered by The Learning Extension of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

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)(d), and Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.04(1), (7), (13), and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached Stipulation is accepted, and Respondent, Betsy E. Wiecek, R.N., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$300, within 90 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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