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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

TRICIA L. REES, R.N., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0000882

Division of Enforcement Case # 11 NUR 234

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

Tricia L. Rees, R.N. 2208 Melody Lane Waukesha, WI 53186

Division of Enforcement Department of Safety and Professional Services 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Board of Nursing
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This disciplinary proceeding was commenced by the filing and service of a Complaint and Notice of Hearing with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing. Subsequent to the filing of the complaint, the parties in this matter agreed to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation in this matter and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Tricia L. Rees, R.N., (DOB 04/07/1976) is licensed as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 30-143392). This license was first granted on March 6, 2003.
- 2. Respondent's current address 2208 Melody Lane, Waukesha, WI, 53186. Her address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 2000 Ruben Drive, Waukesha, WI, 53186.
- 3. On or about June 2, 2011, the Board of Nursing summarily suspended Respondent's license to practice nursing pending resolution of allegations of diversion of controlled substances.
- 4. Respondent denies allegations; however, Respondent's medical doctors have diagnosed her with a serious medical condition and have indicated that at the time of the allegations related to the summary suspension she was severely septic. Her current medical condition renders her unable to practice as a nurse.
- 5. Respondent stipulates to this Order as legally sufficient to support the Conclusions of Law and her surrender is evidence of her good faith and commitment to ensure that she refrain from the practice of nursing until she can do so safely and in good health.

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 paragraphs 3 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code §§ N 7.03(2-3) and N 7.04(2), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 441.07(1)(c) and (d).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The SURRENDER of the license of Tricia L. Rees to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin is hereby accepted.
- 2. The SURRENDER of the privilege of Tricia L. Rees to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin under another state license pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact is hereby accepted.
- 3. At such time, and only upon such time that Respondent seeks reinstatement of her license as a nurse in Wisconsin, Respondent shall pay Seven

Hundred Dollars which represents the Department's costs in investigating this matter. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
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Fax (608) 266-2264

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Board of Nursing

Bv:

A Member of the Board

Date