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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

CARLY J. BAKER, L.P.N.,

RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0001059

## Division of Enforcement Case No. 10NUR203

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

Carly J. Baker, L.P.N. W4536 Prairie Court E. West Salem, WI 54669

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. Carly Jean Baker, L.P.N., (D.O.B. 6/9/1978) is licensed as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 31-302971). This license was first granted on January 9, 2001.

- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is W4536 Prairie Court E., West Salem, WI 54669. Upon information and belief, Respondent's current address is 146 E. Tilson, West Salem, WI 54669.
- 3. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at Lakeview Health Center in West Salem, Wisconsin.
- 4. During the night shift on May 2, 2010, Respondent was involved in the following incidents:
  - a. While attempting, without success, to replace a catheter for patient L.H., Respondent became frustrated, yelled at patient L.H., and threw blankets and clothing around. Respondent told patient L.H. that it would be easier if she would go to urology.
  - b. Patient R.K. was asleep in a chair in the front day room after receiving medication for behavioral problems. Respondent attempted to wake Patient R.K., who became startled and knocked the medicine cup out of Respondent's hand. As a result of this interaction, Respondent gave Patient R.K. another medication. Respondent was upset and used profanity during this interaction with Patient R.K.
  - c. Patient M.C. approached Respondent and told her that she had had a loose stool. Respondent yelled at Patient M.C. and told her that she was delusional.
- 5. Respondent admitted to being frustrated and should have removed herself from the above situations.

#### 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 4 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § N 7.04(4) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

#### **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective the date of this Order:

#### **SUSPENSION**

A.1. The license of Carly J. Baker, L.P.N., to practice as a nurse in the State of Wisconsin is SUSPENDED for an indefinite period.

- A.2. The privilege of Carly J. Baker, L.P.N. to practice as a nurse in the State of Wisconsin under the authority of another state's license pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact is also SUSPENDED for an indefinite period.
- A.3. During the pendency of this Order and any subsequent related orders, Respondent may not practice in another state pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact under the authority of a Wisconsin license, unless Respondent receives prior written authorization to do so from both the Wisconsin Board of Nursing and the regulatory board in the other state.
- A.4 Respondent shall mail or physically deliver all indicia of Wisconsin nursing licensure to the Department Monitor within 14 days of the effective date of this order. Limited credentials can be printed from the Department of Regulation and Licensing website at http://drl.wi.gov/index.htm.
- A.5. Upon a showing by Respondent of continuous, successful compliance for a period of at least two (2) years with the terms of this Order, including at least 600 hours of active nursing for every year the suspension is stayed, the Board may grant a petition by the Respondent under paragraph D.6. for return of full Wisconsin licensure. The Board may, on its own motion or at the request of the Department Monitor, grant full Wisconsin licensure at any time.

## STAY OF SUSPENSION

- B.1. The suspension is hereby stayed based upon Respondent having provided proof, which was determined by the Board or its designee to be sufficient, that Respondent is in compliance with the provisions of Sections C and D of this Order.
- B.2. The Board or its designee may, without hearing, remove the stay upon receipt of information that Respondent is in substantial or repeated violation of any provision of Sections C or D of this Order. Repeated violation is defined as the multiple violation of the same provision or violation of more than one provision. The Board may, in conjunction with any removal of any stay, prohibit the Respondent for a specified period of time from seeking a reinstatement of the stay under paragraph B.4.
- B.3. This suspension becomes reinstated immediately upon notice of the removal of the stay being provided to Respondent either by:
  - (a) Mailing to Respondent's last-known address provided to the Department of Regulation and Licensing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.11; or
  - (b) Actual notice to Respondent or Respondent's attorney.
- B.4. The Board or its designee may reinstate the stay, if provided with sufficient information that Respondent is in compliance with the Order and that it is appropriate for the stay to be reinstated. Whether to reinstate the stay shall be wholly in the discretion of the Board or its designee.
- B.5. If Respondent requests a hearing on the removal of the stay, a hearing shall be held using the procedures set forth in Wis. Admin. Code ch. RL 2. The hearing shall be held in a timely manner with the evidentiary portion of the hearing being completed within 60 days of receipt of Respondent's request, unless waived by Respondent. Requesting a hearing does not stay the suspension during the pendency of the hearing process.

## **CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

## **Treatment Required**

- C.1. Respondent shall enter into, and shall continue in, a mental health treatment program with a treater acceptable to the Board or its designee ("Treater"). Respondent shall participate in, cooperate with, and follow all treatment recommended by Treater.
- C.2. Respondent shall immediately provide Treater with a copy of this Final Decision and Order and all other subsequent orders.
- C.3. Treater shall be responsible for coordinating Respondent's rehabilitation and treatment as required under the terms of this Order, and shall immediately report any relapse, violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Order, and any suspected unprofessional conduct, to the Department Monitor (See D.1., below). If Treater is unable or unwilling to serve as required by this Order, Respondent shall immediately seek approval of a successor Treater by the Board or its designee.
- C.4. The rehabilitation program shall include individual and/or group therapy sessions at a frequency to be determined by Treater. Therapy may end only with the approval of the Board or its designee, after receiving a petition for modification as required by D.4., below.
- C.5. Treater shall submit formal written reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, relating to the progress of conditions with which Respondent has been diagnosed, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Respondent's progress in the mental health treatment program. Treater shall report immediately to the Department Monitor any violation or suspected violation of this Order.

#### Releases

C.6. Respondent shall provide and keep on file with Treater, all treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collections sites current releases complying with state and federal laws. The releases shall allow the Board, its designee, and any employee of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement to: (a) obtain all specimen screen results and patient health care and treatment records and reports, and (b) discuss the progress of Respondent's treatment and rehabilitation. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor.

## Sobriety

- C.7. Applicant shall abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Wis. Stat. § 961.01(4), except when prescribed, dispensed or administered by a practitioner for a legitimate medical condition. Applicant shall disclose Applicant's mental health history and the existence and nature of this Order to the practitioner prior to the practitioner ordering the controlled substance. Applicant shall at the time the controlled substance is ordered immediately sign a release in compliance with state and federal laws authorizing the practitioner to discuss Applicant's treatment with, and provide copies of treatment records to, Treater and the Board or its designee.
- C.8. Applicant shall abstain from all use of over-the-counter medications or other substances which may interfere with Applicant's treatment and rehabilitation.

C.9. Applicant shall report all medications and drugs, over-the-counter or prescription, taken by Applicant to Treater and the Department Monitor within 24 hours of ingestion or administration, and shall identify the person or persons who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered said medications or drugs. If Applicant has not provided a release as required by C.9 above, within 24 hours of a request by Treater or the Board or its designee, Applicant shall provide releases in compliance with state and federal laws. The releases shall authorize the person who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered the medication to discuss Applicant's treatment with, and provide copies of treatment records to, the requester.

## **Practice Limitations**

- C.10. Respondent <u>may</u> work as a nurse or other health care provider in a setting in which Respondent has access to controlled substances. If Treater subsequently recommends restrictions on such access, the Board or its designee may impose such restrictions.
- C.11. Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse or other licensed health care professional approved by the Board or its designee.
- C.12. Respondent shall practice only in a work setting pre-approved by the Board or its designee.
- C.13. Respondent may not work in a home health care, hospice, pool nursing, or agency setting.
- C.14. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Final Decision and Order and all other subsequent orders immediately to supervisory personnel at all settings where Respondent works as a nurse or care giver or provides health care, currently or in the future.
- C.15. It is Respondent's responsibility to arrange for written reports from supervisors to be provided to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Respondent's work performance, and shall include the number of hours of active nursing practice worked during that quarter.
- C.16. Respondent shall report to the Board any change of employment status, residence, address or telephone number within five (5) days of the date of a change.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

## Department Monitor

D.1. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered to:

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

Telephone: (608) 267-3817

## Required Reporting by Respondent

- D.2. Respondent is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Order, including the timely submission of reports by others. Respondent shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any failures of the Treater, treatment facility, Approved Program or collection sites to conform to the terms and conditions of this Order. Respondent shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order by Respondent.
- D.3. Every three (3) months the Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Order, and shall provide the Department Monitor with a current address and home telephone number.

## Change of Treater or Approved Program by Board

D.4. If the Board or its designee determines the Treater or Approved Program has performed inadequately or has failed to satisfy the terms and conditions of this Order, the Board or its designee may direct that Respondent continue treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of another Treater or Approved Program.

## Petitions for Modification of Limitations or Termination of Order

- D.5. Respondent may petition the Board on an annual basis for modification of the terms of this Order, however no such petition for modification shall occur earlier than one year from the date of this Order. Any petition for modification shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from Respondent's Treater expressly supporting the specific modifications sought. Denial of a petition in whole or in part shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a), and Respondent shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on the denial.
- D.6. Respondent may petition the Board for termination of this Order anytime after two years from the date of this Order. However, no petition for termination shall be considered without a showing of continuous, successful compliance with the terms of the Order, for at least two years.

## Costs of Compliance

D.7. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the monitoring, screening, supervision and any other expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order. Being dropped from a program for non-payment is a violation of this Order.

## Costs of Proceeding

D.8. Respondent shall pay costs of \$400 to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, within ninety (90) days of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of costs, the Respondent's license (no. 31-302971) 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.

## Additional Discipline

D.9. In addition to any other action authorized by this Order or law, violation of any term of this Order may be the basis for a separate disciplinary action pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this July 21, 2011.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

A Member of the Board

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