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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
STEVEN M. SWENSON, L.P.N., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER 0001137**

Division of Enforcement Case No. 11NUR121

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

Steven M. Swenson, L.P.N.
N3750 Goepfert Road
Monroe, WI 53566

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
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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 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. Steven M. Swenson, L.P.N., (DOB 11/07/1957) is licensed as a practical nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 31-30578). This license was first granted on December 13, 1990.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is N3750 Goepfert Road, Monroe, WI 53566.

3. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed as a practical nurse at Monroe Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Monroe, Wisconsin.

4. On February 17, 2011, Respondent put an insulin syringe in his mouth while preparing a patient for insulin administration. Respondent then administered the insulin using the syringe that had been in his mouth.

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 7.03(1) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Steven M. Swenson, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. The license of Steven M. Swenson, L.P.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. Respondent, at his own expense, shall complete four (4) hours of pre-approved continuing education in the area of proper subcutaneous and intramuscular medication administration including sterile technique, within 90 days of the date of this Order. Respondent is responsible for finding an appropriate course and submitting the course information to the Board for approval prior to taking the course and in sufficient time to obtain board approval within the 90-day timeframe, taking into account the board's meeting schedule. Respondent shall provide proof of completion of the continuing education to the Department Monitor.

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Safety and Professional Services costs of this proceeding in the amount of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).

4. All petitions, payments, reports and other correspondence shall be mailed or delivered to:

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

5. 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. In the event that Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, 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: *Loretta Clark*
A Member of the Board

Oct 6, 11
Date