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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MICHELLE L. COPASS, L.P.N.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001140

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10NUR631

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

Michelle L. Copass, L.P.N.
2328 Baker Drive
Decatur, IL 62521

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
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Board of Nursing
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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. Michelle Copass (D.O.B. 09/29/1965) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a practical nurse (license # 31-32067). This license was first granted on 11/20/1993.

2. Respondent's address of record on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 2328 Baker Drive, Decatur, IL 62521. Upon information and belief, Respondent currently resides at 2918 Sunnyside Drive Apt 3., Rockford, IL 61114.

3. On March 30, 2009, Respondent was charged in the State of Illinois in Winnebago County Circuit Court, case number 09CF978, with two counts of forgery and one count of theft. The charges resulted from Respondent forging her ex-partner's name on a check card and signing her ex-partner's name on a receipt for merchandise she attempted to purchase with the check card. Respondent knew at the time that her authorization to use the card had been rescinded.

4. On June 18, 2009, Respondent pled guilty to theft, a class A misdemeanor, and pursuant to her plea agreement, 2 counts of forgery were dismissed. Respondent was sentenced to 18-months probation and 4 days jail time.

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

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The SURRENDER of the license of Michelle L. Copass, L.P.N. to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin is hereby accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of the privilege of Michelle L. Copass, L.P.N. to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin under another state license pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact is hereby accepted.

3. In the event that Respondent re-applies for licensure as a nurse in the future, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing.

4. In the event that Respondent ever reapplies for any credential in Wisconsin Respondent shall, prior to such application, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, 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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5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Board of Nursing

By: 
A Member of the Board

Oct 6, 11
Date