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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :  
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
KAREN J. PENKALA-SHORKEY, R.N., :  
RESPONDENT. : ORDER 0001144

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Division of Enforcement Case No. 11NUR195

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

Karen J. Penkala-Shorkey, R.N.  
2851 N. Michigan Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48602-1138

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  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This disciplinary proceeding was commenced by the filing and service of a Complaint and Notice of Hearing on August 24, 2011. 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 this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Karen J. Penkala-Shorkey, R.N., (D.O.B. 08/28/1961) is duly licensed as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license No. 166676-30). This license was first granted on February 10, 2009.

2. Respondent's address of record on file with the Board of Nursing is 2851 N Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48604.

3. Respondent is or was also licensed as a registered nurse in the States of Michigan (R.N. license No. 47-04-195508), Idaho (R.N. License No. 39223), Indiana (R.N. License No. 28182639A), Iowa (R.N. License No. 121882), Maine (R.N. License No. R056200), Minnesota (R.N. License No. 188364-0), Missouri (R.N. License No. 2008033540), Ohio (R.N. License No. 348700), Utah (R.N. License No. 7309585-3012), and Wyoming (R.N. License No. 27707).

4. On December 12, 2009, Respondent was admitted to inpatient treatment for alcohol dependence and opiate dependence involving the use of Vicodin and Darvocet. On December 28, 2009, Respondent completed intake with the Michigan Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) and was diagnosed with alcohol dependence and opiate dependence. Subsequently, Respondent entered into a three (3) year non-disciplinary impairment and monitoring agreement with HPRP

5. On April 28, 2010, Respondent informed HPRP she could not financially participate in the program. On March 2, 2011, Respondent entered into a Consent Order and Stipulation with the Michigan Board of Nursing in which her license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Michigan was suspended.

6. Respondent is not currently employed or practicing as a nurse and due to health reasons and the facts stated above wishes to surrender her Wisconsin nursing license.

#### 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 abuse of alcohol or other drugs pursuant to Wisconsin Administrative Code § N 7.03(2), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c).

#### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The SURRENDER of the license of Karen J. Penkala-Shorkey to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin is hereby accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of the privilege of Karen J. Penkala-Shorkey 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 three hundred dollars (\$300.00). 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  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

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

Board of Nursing

By: L. Weir  
A member of the Board

Oct 6, 11  
Date