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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

GAYLE C. JONAS, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0001189

Division of Enforcement Case #08 NUR 7

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

Gayle C. Jonas
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Kenosha, WI 53140

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
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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. 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. Gayle Christine Jonas (dob: 2/17/50) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a professional nurse licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #56194. This license was first granted 9/20/72.

2. On 7/14/07, and while on duty as a professional nurse in the ICU at the St Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Respondent was assigned to two patients. One was actively having a heart attack, and the other was actively dying of liver failure. Respondent failed to attend to the heart attack patient for some 5 hours after her shift started, and failed to timely turn off an intravenous drip administration of Integrellin®, for this patient, as ordered.

3. Respondent failed to give timely response to the Board's investigator in this matter, who contacted her as follows: a letter was sent to her at her address of record on January 15,

2010, but was returned by the postal service because Respondent had moved and failed to notify the Board of her current address. The Board's staff located a new address for Respondent, and a letter was sent to Respondent at her new address on February 2, 2010; no response was received. Another letter was sent on March 12, 2010, following which the Board's investigator received a voice mail message from Respondent, asserting that that she did send a response. The Board's investigator then left telephone messages for Respondent to the effect that no response had been received, and requesting that the response be faxed. No further response was received from Respondent. The Board's investigator sent a third letter on May 6, 2010, to which no response was received until June 1, 2010.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described in par. 2, above, violated Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(b), (c), and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.03(1)(b), (c), and (d). Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

The conduct described in par. 3, above, violated Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d) and Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.04[intro]. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent, Gayle C. Jonas, R.N., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$450, within 120 days of this Order. If not paid, Respondent's license may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until they are paid in full, including any accrued interest.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
A Member of the Board

November 3, 2011
Date

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