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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
DEBORAH K. POLZIN, R.N.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001381

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10NUR494

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

Deborah K. Polzin, R.N.
546 N. Oakhill Ave.
Janesville, WI 53548

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Department of Safety and Professional Services
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P.O. Box 8935
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Board of Nursing
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Notice of Hearing and Complaint were filed in this matter on September 26, 2011. Prior to the hearing on the formal complaint, the parties in this matter agreed 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 adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Deborah K. Polzin, R.N., (D.O.B. 2/10/1959) is licensed as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license no. 30-95065). This license was first granted on August 22, 1986.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 546 N. Oakhill Ave., Janesville, WI 53548.

3. On March 13, 2010, Respondent was scheduled to work at St. Elizabeth Home.

4. While Respondent reported under the influence of alcohol, having consumed alcohol the night before; she states that it was her intent to obtain assistance of another nurse to cover her shift.

5. Respondent underwent a comprehensive AODA assessment in January of 2012. This assessment concluded that Respondent does not have an addiction or substance abuse condition which would require treatment.

6. Respondent has had no prior discipline in her 26 years of nursing. Her stipulation to this Order is evidence of her good faith and commitment to practice nursing in a safe manner meeting minimum standards of competence.

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 3, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(2) and subjects Respondent to this Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Deborah K. Polzin, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin, and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, is LIMITED as follows:

- a. At any time within two (2) years from the date of this Order, Respondent shall, upon request of the Board of its designee, or the Department or an investigator thereof (including a law enforcement officer, acting at the request of the Board or its designee, the Department or an investigator thereof), submit a sample of Respondent's blood, urine, breath, and/or hair (as designated by the requesting person) for analysis.

- b. For a period of at least two (2) years from the date of this Order, Respondent shall arrange for quarterly reports from her nursing employer(s) reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance.

3. After two (2) year from the date of this Order, Respondent may petition the board for the modification or termination of the limitation. The Board may grant or deny the petition, in its discretion, or may modify this Order as it sees fit.

4. Respondent shall, within one year of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Safety and Professional Services costs of this proceeding in the amount of 500.00, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).

5. Any requests, reports, evidence of completion of educational program(s) and payment shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

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Telephone (608) 267-3817

6. 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 comply with the ordered drug testing as set forth above, or fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, 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 payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

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

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 23 day of Feb, 2012.

Board of Nursing

By: 

A Member of the Board