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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION & ORDER
NATHALIE A. KNOWLES-BECK, L.P.N.	:	FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
	:	

ORDER 0001519

Division of Enforcement Case No. 09NUR196

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

Nathalie A. Knowles-Beck, L.P.N.
P.O. Box 07864
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0864

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Board of Nursing
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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. Nathalie A. Knowles-Beck, L.P.N., (DOB 12/11/1952) is licensed as a practical nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license no. 309265-31). This license was first granted on September 26, 2007.

2. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is P.O. Box 07864, Milwaukee, WI 53207-0864.

3. On May 26, 2009, while working as a correctional nurse, Licensee was instructed by a triage nurse to provide an inmate with an ice pack. Licensee did not have time to take the ice pack to the inmate, and the task was ultimately passed onto a second shift nurse.

4. Also on May 26, 2009, Licensee assessed an inmate who appeared to be experiencing alcohol withdrawal. Licensee received a physician's order for Librium and clonidine, which she administered to the inmate. Licensee failed to subsequently reassess the inmate and failed to inform supervisory staff of her failure to do so.

5. On July 1, 2009, Licensee charted that a diabetic inmate had refused his medication, however the inmate never presented himself to receive or refuse the medication. Licensee failed to check on the inmate as required, to rule out hypoglycemia.

6. Licensee voluntarily left the correctional facility and the Director of Nursing provided Licensee an employment verification indicating she would be eligible for re-hire. The Director of Nursing recommends to the Board that Licensee be required to complete a standard refresher course.

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).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Nathalie A. Knowles-Beck, L.P.N., shall, at her own expense and within six (6) months of the date of this Final Decision and Order, take and successfully complete a nursing refresher course. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be preapproved by the Board of Nursing or its designee. Licensee will be responsible for locating a course(s) satisfactory to the Board of Nursing and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Board of Nursing or its designee. Licensee will within 60 days of completion of this educational requirement file an affidavit with the Board of Nursing stating under oath that she has attended in its entirety each of the courses approved for satisfaction of this requirement along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organizations.

2. Licensee shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

3. All affidavits, reports and payments shall be mailed to:


Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

All affidavits, reports and payments required to be filed with the Board of Nursing will be deemed filed upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

4. 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 Licensee'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 Licensee fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Licensee's license (no. 309265-31) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Licensee has complied with payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

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

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: 
A Member of the Board

5/3/12
Date