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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
CARRIE L. WEST, R.N.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	
		ORDER 0001520

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12NUR107

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

Carrie L. West, R.N.
W7702 Chicago Road
Wautoma, WI 54982

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
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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 (Board). 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. Carrie L. West, R.N., (DOB 11/15/1961) is licensed as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license no. 117036-30). This license was first granted on July 21, 1994.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board) is W7702 Chicago Road, Wautoma, WI 54982.

3. On May 6, 2010, the Board issued a Final Decision and Order (Order) indefinitely suspending Respondent's license with a stayed suspension possible after three months of compliance with the terms of the Order.

4. The Order was based on the following facts:

- a. On 9/18/09, and while employed as a professional nurse at the Redgranite Correctional Facility of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Respondent could not account for hydrocodone products, which are controlled substances, which were from supplies which were to be destroyed, or for a supply of Lorazepam which had been dispensed for an inmate who was being transferred to another institution;
- b. During the Board's investigation of this matter, Respondent gave the Board's investigation an account of events which was substantially different from that given to her employer;
- c. Respondent has been evaluated by a licensed clinical social worker, who was provided with materials from the investigative file, and who has opined that Respondent does not have a substance abuse or dependence disorder.

5. On April 2, 2011, Respondent wrote to the Department Monitor (Monitor) indicating she cannot afford the drug testing as required by the Order due to her inability to practice. Respondent wished to proceed to get her privileges back to work as soon as possible.

6. On February 14, 2012, Respondent called the Monitor and requested that the monitor activate her drug testing account because she is ready to start testing.

7. On February 20, 2012, the Monitor received a telephone call from a human resources director who indicated that Respondent had been working as a professional nurse since March 2010. When questioned by her employer, Respondent said she did not know there was an Order suspending her license to practice.

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 7 above constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code §§ N 5.03(1) and 7.04(14) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 441.07(1)(b) and (d).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Carrie L. West's license to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin is REVOKED.

2. The privilege of Carrie L. West to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, is REVOKED.

3. Respondent shall, within 120 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Safety and Professional Services COSTS of this proceeding in the amount of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2). Payment shall be made to the Department Monitor, as follows:

Department Monitor
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Fax (608) 266-2264
Telephone (608) 267-3817

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

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: 
A Member of the Board

5/3/12
Date