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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

COREEN A. ELLIOTT, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

:
:
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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: *ORDER 0001995*

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12NUR179

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

Coreen A. Elliott, R.N.
708 Pine Street
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

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. 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. Coreen A. Elliott, R.N., (DOB 10/26/1980) is licensed as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license no. 161594-30). This license was first granted on February 11, 2008.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 708 Pine Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085.

3. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital ("St. Mary's") in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. On March 23, 2012, nursing staff discovered a discrepancy in a Pyxis report, which showed Dilaudid missing.

5. Upon questioning, Respondent reported that in order to help another nurse, she administered Dilaudid to a patient who was assigned to that nurse. St. Mary's staff pointed out that the patient did not have a physician's order for Dilaudid and Respondent replied that she received the order, but forgot to record it.

6. The physician from whom Respondent claims she received the order denied speaking to any nurse about the patient in question and denied giving an order for Dilaudid.

7. St. Mary's staff asked Respondent to undergo a drug screen, but Respondent refused and resigned from her nursing position.

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 5 above constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.04(2) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Coreen A. Elliott, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. The license of Coreen A. Elliott, R.N., to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin, and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, are LIMITED as follows:

a. Respondent, at her own expense, shall complete six (6) hours of pre-approved continuing education in medication administration, within 90 days of the date of this Order. Respondent is responsible for finding

an appropriate course and submitting the course information to the Board for approval prior to taking the course and in sufficient time to obtain board approval within the 90-day time frame, taking into account the board's meeting schedule. Respondent shall provide proof of completion of the continuing education to the Department Monitor.

b. For a period of at least two (2) years while working at least half-time as a nurse:

- i. Respondent shall not consume any controlled substance listed in Schedule I-IV without a valid prescription of an authorized prescriber, and for a valid medical purpose. Respondent shall, upon request of the Board or 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, forthwith upon such request.
- ii. Respondent shall provide her nursing employers with a copy of this Order before engaging in any nursing employment.
- iii. Respondent shall work only under direct supervision, and only in a work setting pre-approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in a home health, agency or pool position.
- iv. Respondent shall arrange for quarterly reports from her nursing employer(s) reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance.
- v. Pursuant to Uniform Nurse Licensure Compact regulations, Respondent's nursing practice is limited to Wisconsin during the pendency of this limitation. This requirement may be waived only upon the prior written authorization of both the Wisconsin Board of Nursing and the regulatory board in the state in which Respondent proposes to practice.
- vi. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of nursing employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.

3. After two (2) years of working at least half-time as a nurse, 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 ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Safety and Professional Services costs of this proceeding in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).

5. All petitions, payments, reports and other correspondence shall be mailed or delivered to:

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

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 timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 161594-30) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

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

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By:

Julie Nelson, RN
A Member of the Board

Date

8/16/12