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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITON FOR AN : ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION INVOLVING :

ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION

VICKIE L. MASON, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0002315

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 UNL 146

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

Vickie L. Mason 316 Oak Street Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589

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

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Vickie L. Mason was licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a practical nurse, license number 31-13054. This license was first granted on December 28, 1972 and expired on April 30, 2007.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was licensed and worked as a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor.

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

- 3. Since her practical nurse license expired on April 30, 2007, Respondent has continued to hold herself out as a licensed practical nurse and sporadically worked in a nursing capacity when other nurses were unavailable.
- 4. Respondent stated she was not aware that her nursing license expired; however, Respondent recognizes that maintaining her license is her responsibility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 3 and Wis. Stat. § 440.21, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described above constitutes the unlicensed practice of nursing, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 441.10(3)(c).

ORDER

- 1. The attached stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Unless and until Respondent is properly licensed as a practical nurse by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing, Respondent is enjoined and prohibited from the practice of nursing in the State of Wisconsin. Violation of this special order may result in a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each day of violation. See Wis. Stat. § 440.21(4)(a).
- 3. If the Department determines that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has violated any terms of this Administrative Injunction, the Department may refer the violations covered by this decision and order to any appropriate prosecutorial unit for review for possible criminal charges.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Issued at Madison, Wisconsin, this 32 rdday of February, 2013.

By:

Michael J. Berndt, Chief Counsel On behalf of the Department