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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

VALERIE K. WHITEHEAD, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0002337

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 NUR 431

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

Valerie K. Whitehead, R.N.
301 N. Wilson Drive, Apartment C
Altoona, Wisconsin 54720

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
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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 Board of Nursing (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Valerie K. Whitehead (dob April 19, 1971) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 30-187005, first issued on February 23, 2012 and current through February 28, 2014. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 5218 Hamel Street, Davis, California 95618.

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

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed at Mayo Clinic Health System – Eau Claire Hospital of Wisconsin as Director of Surgical Prep/Recovery/PACU.

3. Since at least September 2012, Respondent diverted various Schedule I and Schedule II narcotics from her employer, including Fentanyl, Morphine and Dilaudid.

4. Respondent admitted that she diverted the medication for her own use.

5. On September 24, 2012, Respondent was charged in Eau Claire County (Case Number 2012CF707) with three counts of Felony Possession of Narcotic Drugs and three counts of Misdemeanor Theft-Movable Property Less Than or Equal to \$2,500.00.

6. On December 7, 2012, Respondent pled no contest to one count of Felony Possession of Narcotic Drugs. The other five charges were dismissed but read in.

7. On January 22, 2013, Respondent was charged in Eau Claire County (Case Number 2013CF000046) with one count of Felony Misappropriate ID Info-Obtain Money and one count of Misdemeanor Obtain Prescription Drug with Fraud.

8. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Valerie K. Whitehead, R.N., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.04(2) by diverting narcotic.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent, Valerie K. Whitehead, R.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of the license and privilege of Respondent Valerie K. Whitehead, R.N., (license number 30-187005) to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin or under another state license pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact is hereby accepted.

3. In the event that Respondent petitions the Board of Nursing for re-licensure as a nurse in the future, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted shall be in the discretion of the Board.

4. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$675.00.

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Gretchen Laive 3/14/13
A Member of the Board Date