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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHRISTY M. PULLARA, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0002381

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 NUR 262

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

Christy M. Pullara, R.N.
1014 Spruce Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53715

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
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 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 Christy M. Pullara, R.N., (dob September 5, 1985) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 30-164928, first issued on August 6, 2008 and current through February 28, 2014. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1014 Spruce Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53715.

2. On January 24, 2012, Respondent took a prescription to Walgreens Pharmacy.

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

3. After finding the prescription suspicious, the pharmacist called the doctor and discovered the following alternations were made:
 - a. The date the prescription could be filled was changed from January 27, 2012 to January 24, 2012;
 - b. The strength was changed from 10mg to 20mg;
 - c. The quantity was changed from 30 to 80;
 - d. The daily dosage was changed from once a day to three times per day; and
 - e. "Prn" was added following the daily dosage.
4. The pharmacist contacted the police, who questioned Respondent. Respondent admitted to altering the prescription and consented to a search of her automobile.
5. Search of Respondent's car yielded marijuana as well as a 5mg tablet of Oxycodone.
6. Respondent stated that the Oxycodone was taken from UW Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, where she worked as a nurse, by accident.
7. 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, Christy M. Pullara, R.N., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code. §§ N 7.04(1) and (2) by altering a prescription and possessing controlled substances without a valid prescription.
3. As a result of the above conduct, Christy M. Pullara, R.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Christy M. Pullara, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The professional nurse license issued to Christy M. Pullara, R.N., (license number 30-164928) is LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete four (4) hours of education in ethics offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
- b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- c. For two (2) years from the date of this Order, Respondent's nursing supervisor(s) shall provide written reports on Respondent's work performance to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that the reports are made in a timely manner.
- d. For a period of at least two (2) years from the date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with random drug screens as directed by the Department Monitor.
- e. After two (2) years from the date of this Order, 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. Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this Order, Christy M. Pullara, R.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$850.00.

5. All requests, proof, reports, petitions and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent 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. 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 Respondent fails to timely submit payment of costs, proof of successful completion of the ordered education, or work reports, Respondent's license (no. 30-164928) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has paid costs and submitted work reports and proof of completion of the ordered education.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by: Julia Nelson, RN
A Member of the Board

4/11/13
Date