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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ANGELA M. BRANUM, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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: ORDER 0002425
:

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 NUR 003

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

Angela M. Branum, R.N.
1910G Pika Trail
River Falls, WI 54022

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 Angela M. Branum, R.N., (dob March 18, 1981) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 151903-30, first issued on July 12, 2005 and current through February 28, 2014. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1910G Pika Trail, River Falls, Wisconsin 54022.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at a hospital (Hospital), located in River Falls, Wisconsin.

3. Hospital conducted an investigation on Respondent's Dilaudid dispenses. Hospital investigation found that between April 25, 2010, and May 14, 2010, Respondent dispensed numerous medications:

- a. Without an order;
- b. For patients Respondent was not caring for;
- c. While Respondent was not scheduled to work; and
- d. Respondent's wasting was suspect due to the time it took to waste medication.

4. On August 5, 2010, the Minnesota Board of Nursing entered into a Stipulation and Consent Order with Respondent suspending Respondent's license due to the Hospital investigation above.

5. On September 10, 2010, Respondent was accepted into the Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) for diverting Dilaudid from her employer between March 2010 and May 16, 2010.

6. In a letter dated August 12, 2011, Respondent was given written warning for non-compliance with PAP. Respondent missed several check-ins and drug screens. Respondent was informed that further non-compliance would result in removal from the program and referral to the Division of Enforcement (now called Division of Legal Services and Compliance) for investigation.

7. In a letter dated October 1, 2012, Respondent was given a final warning for non-compliance with PAP for failure to check-in and complete drug screens.

8. In a letter dated January 4, 2013, Respondent was removed from PAP for 15 missed check-ins and missing 4 random drug screens. Respondent also failed to submit quarterly work reports.

9. 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, Angela M. Branum, R.N., was impaired as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(2) by using drugs to an extent that such use impaired her ability to safely or reliably practice.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Angela M. Branum, R.N., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.04(2) by obtaining any drug other than in the course of legitimate practice or as otherwise prohibited by law.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Angela M. Branum, R.N., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.04(7) by having a disciplinary action through final board adjudication taken against one's license in another jurisdiction.

5. As a result of the above violations, Angela M. Branum, R.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(b), (c) and (d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of the license and privilege of Angela M. Branum, R.N., (license no. 151903-30) 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 \$350.00.

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:

Julia Nelson, RN
A Member of the Board

5/9/13
Date