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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
MARGARET H. McCALLUM, R.N. : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
: FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
:

0002937

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 13 NUR 006

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

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Wisconsin Board of Nursing
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Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
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 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. Licensee Margaret H. McCallum, R.N., (dob October 24, 1950) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 102894-30, first issued on August 25, 1989 and current through February 28, 2014. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 426 Weis Street, Allenton, Wisconsin 53002.

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 as a professional nurse at a health and rehabilitation center (Center), located in Germantown, Wisconsin.

3. On September 19, 2012, Resident A, then 87 years old, fell at the Center, but did not sustain any injury. At the time, Resident A was had a history of deep vein thrombosis in her legs. Resident A began Coumadin therapy upon her initial admission in 2011 and through September 19, 2013. Resident A was also taking Diflucan® which had been ordered by an on-call physician. The Center failed to notify the attending physician that the resident had been placed on Diflucan and did not get orders for increased monitoring.

4. On September 23, 2013, another staff member noted that Resident A had a 2" x 3" bruise on her back. The Center notified the attending physician who ordered a Protime/INR on September 27, 2012. The test results showed a critical INR value greater than 10, which indicated that Resident A had no clotting ability. The attending physician was not aware that the resident was also on Diflucan and did not believe the results. He ordered that Coumadin be discontinued and to monitor the resident every four hours for bleeding. Respondent did not question the physician's order even though the standard of practice with an INR between 5 and 9 is to discontinue Coumadin, give Vitamin K 1-2.5 mg PO (orally) and repeat INR in 24 hours.

5. On September 28, 2012, Resident A was transported to the emergency room where extensive bruising was noted on her chin, chest, breasts and shoulders. Her INR was greater than 10 and she was diagnosed with a bilateral acute cerebral hemorrhage.

6. On October 3, 2012, Resident A died from excessive anti-coagulation.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within 6 months of the date of this Order, Margaret H. McCallum, R.N., shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete six (6) hours of education in sharpening critical thinking skills and communications in nursing as follows:

a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating

course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).

- b. Licensee 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 education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

3. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Licensee shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$600.00.

4. Request of approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Licensee 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

5. 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 Licensee's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Licensee fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Licensee's license (no. 102894-30) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Licensee has complied with payment of the costs and completion of the education.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by:

Julie Nelson, RN
A Member of the Board

Date

1/9/14

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

MARGARET H. McCALLUM, R.N.

STIPULATION

0002937

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 13 NUR 006

Licensee Margaret H. McCallum, R.N., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- ~~the right to rehearing on the allegations against Licensee, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;~~
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Licensee;
- the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Licensee's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

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5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Licensee, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Licensee is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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