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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

PATTI A. GREENWALD, R.N.,  
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 12 NUR 579

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

Patti A. Greenwald, R.N.  
1121 Lexus Lane  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

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 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Patti A. Greenwald, R.N., (dob October 6, 1955) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 112481-30, first issued on March 24, 1993 and current through February 29, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1121 Lexus Lane, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 hospital (Hospital), located in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

3. On May 8, 2012, Patient, an 18 month-old child, was admitted to Hospital for the purpose of undergoing a Voiding Cystourethrogram procedure (VCUG).

4. The VCUG was ordered by Patient's primary care physician (Ordering Physician), to be conducted under conscious sedation. However, Hospital policy disallowed the use of conscious sedation in patients under the age of 24 months, which Patient was at the time.

5. Respondent acknowledged the existence of the above Hospital policy preventing the use of conscious sedation in patients under 24 months of age. However, Respondent failed to notify the Ordering Physician, Respondent's nursing supervisor, and/or another appropriate person about the conflict between the order for conscious sedation and the Hospital policy against the conscious sedation of someone under 24 months of age.

6. Consistent with Hospital policy, but contrary to the Ordering Physician's order, and without notifying anyone of the same, Respondent performed the VCUG on Patient without conscious sedation.

7. On December 5, 2013, Respondent, at her own expense, completed the following education: five (5) hours on Professional Nursing Practice: An Update; two (2) hours on Ethics and The Healthcare Professional; and seven (7) hours on Everyday Ethics for Nurses. The Department has reviewed the above course descriptions as well as certificates of completion. This education satisfies the requirements the Board would request and, therefore, additional education is not required.

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, Patti A. Greenwald, R.N., violated Wis. Admin. Code. § N 7.03(1)(d) by failing to execute a medical order unless the order is inappropriate and the licensee reports the inappropriate order to a nursing supervisor or other appropriate person.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Patti A. Greenwald, R.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(b) and (c).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Patti A. Greenwald, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Patti A. Greenwald, R.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$650.00.

4. 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 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
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 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 the costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 112481-30) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and submit proof of completion of the education.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by:

Julia Nelson, RN  
A Member of the Board

Date

5/8/14




the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

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 Respondent or Respondent's attorney, 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. Respondent 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.

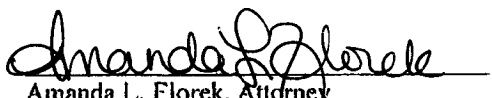
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
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License no. 112481-30

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