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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE OF

DLSC Case No. 14 NUR 117

CARRIE PIETRASIK-DEWEY, R.N., RESPONDENT.

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ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Petition for Summary Suspension of August 29, 2014 was heard on September 11, 2014. At that time, Prosecuting Attorney Kim M. Kluck appeared for the Petitioner, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent did not appear either in person or through counsel.

The Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board), having considered the sworn August 29, 2014 Petition for Summary Suspension and August 22, 2014 Affidavit of Steve Rohland; the September 03, 2014 Affidavit of Service (certifying that a true and accurate copy of the Notice of Presentation of Petition for Summary Suspension, Petition for Summary Suspension and Affidavit of Steve Rohland were sent by electronic mail (on August 29, 2014) and U.S. regular mail (on August 29, 2014) to Respondent, and having heard the statements of Prosecuting Attorney Kim M. Kluck hereby makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Carrie Pietrasik-Dewey, R.N., (dob June 19, 1962), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 121470-30, first issued on November 20, 1995 and current through February 29, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 5490 W. Beloit Road, #4, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217. On information and belief, Respondent's current address is 5436 W. Sheena Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85306.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at several facilities located in Arizona.
- 3. On May 16, 2014, the Arizona State Board of Nursing (Arizona Board) issued a Final Order (Final Order) imposing discipline against Respondent's privilege to practice in Arizona based on her Wisconsin multistate compact license. The Arizona Board revoked the Arizona registered nurse license number issued to Respondent. The discipline was based on the following conduct by Respondent at four facilities in Arizona during the period of December 2010 through May of 2013:

- a. On or about December 18, 2010, while on duty as a professional nurse in the emergency department at a medical center in Yuma, Arizona, Respondent was observed to be falling asleep while having a conversation with another nurse.
- b. On or about June 21, 2011, while on duty at the medical center in Yuma, Respondent fell asleep. On that same date, Respondent submitted a urine sample for drug testing which was positive for marijuana and prescribed oxycodone. Respondent claimed that she had a medical marijuana card for her marijuana usage.
- c. Between July 12 and 24, 2011, while employed in an emergency room at a medical center in Cottonwood, Arizona, Respondent exhibited substandard nursing care which included an inability to prioritize her workload and charting issues which continued despite additional training.
- d. Between August 1 and September 6, 2011, while working in an emergency room at a medical center in Payson, Arizona, Respondent exhibited sub-standard nursing care which included failure to follow patient orders, failure to assess the needs of the department and her patients, and excessive and extended breaks even when the department was busy.
- e. Between October 19 and December 5, 2011, while working in an emergency room at a health center in Tucson, Arizona, Respondent exhibited repeated unsafe nursing practices including failure to carry out physicians' orders in a timely manner, incorrectly administering insulin, and failing to timely and appropriately discharge or transfer patients to make bed space available to waiting emergently ill or injured patients.
- f. On or about March 15, 2012, while working at an emergency room at a facility in Mesa, Arizona, Respondent engaged in sub-standard nursing practice in basic nursing care, failed to apply a cardiac monitor to a critically ill patient, and needed constant supervision.
- g. On or about March 19, 2012, Respondent falsely answered "no" to an employment application question that asked if Respondent had ever been discharged from employment, when she was involuntarily terminated from previous employer in July 2011. Also failed to disclose supplemental healthcare and falsely listed the reason for leaving employment.
- h. Between August 24, 2012 and May 14, 2013, while working as a professional nurse at a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, Respondent exhibited a pattern of sub-standard nursing care including submitting incomplete admission assessments on a repeated basis, refusing to complete admission assessment on inpatient units, failing to answer calls she received over the internal paging system and taking excessive/extended breaks.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.51(3) and has authority to summarily suspend the license of Respondent Carrie Pietrasik-Dewey, R.N., to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 6.
- 2. Based on the sworn Petition and affidavit of Steve Rohland and the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact, the Board finds probable cause to believe that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action by summarily suspending the license of Carrie Pietrasik-Dewey, R.N., to practice as a professional nurse in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to Wis. Stat., sec. 227.51 and Wis. Admin. Code SPS 6.

ORDER

The license and registration of Respondent Carrie Pietrasik-Dewey, R.N., to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin is summarily suspended until the effective date of a final decision and order issued in the disciplinary proceeding against Respondent Carrie Pietrasik-Dewey, R.N., unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

A formal complaint shall be filed with the Division of Hearings and Appeals, alleging that Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.

Respondent Carrie Pietrasik-Dewey, R.N., is hereby notified of her right, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 6.09, to request a hearing to show cause why this summary suspension order should not be continued and is further notified that any request for a hearing to show cause should be filed with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Post Office Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8366.

In the event that Respondent Carrie Pietrasik-Dewey, R.N., requests a hearing to show cause why the summary suspension should not be continued, that hearing shall be scheduled to be heard on a date within 20 days of receipt by the Board of Respondent's request for hearing, unless Respondent requests or agrees to a later time for the hearing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:

A Member of the Board

Date