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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RAVIN L. RIUTTA, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 NUR 693

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53¹ are:

Ravin L. Riutta, R.N.
3551 11th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53140

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

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 Ravin L. Riutta, R.N., (dob March 5, 1982) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 167174-30, first issued on March 25, 2009 and current through February 29, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 3551 11th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at a care center (Center), located in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all references to Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2011-2012 version.

3. On December 14, 2013, Respondent documented removing two (2) tablets oxycodone/acetaminophen 5/325 mg for Patient A.

4. At 2:48 a.m., Respondent documented that she administered two (2) oxycodone/acetaminophen 5/325 mg to Patient A and then went to administer the medication to Patient A.

5. While administering the medication, Respondent dropped the cup containing Patient A's medication. The cup hit the medication drawer. Respondent attempted to recover both tablets, but only recovered one tablet which landed in the medication drawer. Respondent searched for several minutes, but could not find the other pill.

6. Respondent decided to administer one (1) oxycodone/acetaminophen 5/325 mg tablet to Patient A and continue to look for the other pill later. Patient A's prescription calls for one (1) or two (2) tablets to be administered depending on the severity of pain.

7. Respondent forgot to search for the other tablet later during her shift or update the patient record.

8. During the next shift, Patient A requested pain medication. A nurse informed Patient A that she could not have any pain medication as it was too soon because she had been given two (2) tablets at 2:48 a.m. Patient A claimed that she had received only one (1) tablet, not two (2).

9. At or about 9:00 a.m., while at home, Respondent discovered the missing tablet in the pocket of her scrub shirt.

10. Respondent immediately attempted to call her supervisor to report that she had found the missing tablet, but found that her supervisor had already left a message asking why Patient A was reporting having received one (1) tablet and not two (2) as documentation indicated.

11. Respondent called her supervisor and informed them that she found the tablet in her scrub shirt pocket and that she documented the administration prior to actually administering the medication to Patient A.

12. Respondent brought the tablet back to the Center and it was destroyed.

13. Respondent corrected the medical record to reflect that only one (1) tablet was administered to Patient A.

14. 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, Ravin L. Riutta, R.N., was negligent as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(b), by an act or omission demonstrating a failure to maintain competency in the practice and methods of nursing care.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Ravin L. Riutta, 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 Ravin L. Riutta, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The professional nursing license issued to Ravin L. Riutta, R.N., (license number 167174-30) and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, are LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at her own expense, successfully complete five (5) hours of education on the topic of documentation and six (6) hours of education on the topic of medication errors 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. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered education.

4. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Ravin L. Riutta, R.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$600.00.

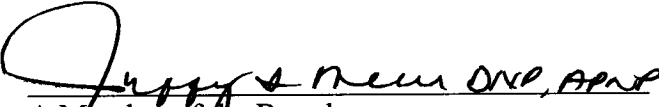
5. Request of approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

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

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 the costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 167174-30) 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.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by: 
A Member of the Board

9-11-14
Date

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STIPULATION
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 NUR 693

Respondent Ravin L. Riutta, 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. Respondent consents to the resolution of this
investigation by Stipulation.

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

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, 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 Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by
subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent'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 Respondent under the United States Constitution,
the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code,
and other provisions of state or federal law.

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

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

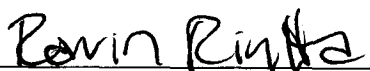
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not
be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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, 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.

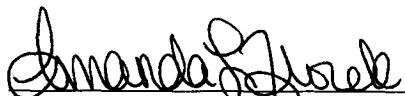
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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.



Ravin L. Riutta, R.N., Respondent
3551 11th Avenue
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License no. 167174-30

7-10-14
Date



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7/15/14
Date