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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ELENA N. KNIGGE, L.P.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 NUR 208

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

Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N.
2350 Horseshoe Lake Rd.
Cushing, WI 54006

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 Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N., (dob April 21, 1974) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a practical nurse, having license number 317619-31, first issued on October 28, 2013 and current through April 30, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2350 Horseshoe Lake Road, Cushing, Wisconsin 54006.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a practical nurse at nursing home and rehabilitation facility (Facility), located in Frederic, Wisconsin.

3. On April 3, 2014, the Facility conducted a standard medication pass audit. The Facility regularly conducted these audits on nurses who were under their probationary period.

4. During the April 3, 2014 audit, Respondent was having difficulty preparing the proper doses of medications for patients. The Facility re-educated Respondent on medication administration and how to properly dose medications.

5. On April 11, 2014, Respondent administered 10/100 mg Sinemet® to Resident L.L. Resident L.L. was prescribed 25/250 mg Sinemet®. This medication error was caught by another nurse and a medication error report was completed. Respondent was re-educated by the Facility.

6. On or about April 12, 2014, Respondent administered 0.25 mg alprazolam to Resident M.B. Resident M.B. had a card for alprazolam but the physician had placed the order on hold. The physician placed the order on hold to conduct a two week trial. This medication error was caught by another nurse, a medication error report was completed and the physician was notified.

7. On or about April 12, 2014, Respondent administered 45 mg of oxycodone (three 15 mg tablets) to Resident M.B. Resident M.B. was ordered to receive 15 mg of oxycodone by mouth twice a day. The medication error was caught by another nurse, a medication report was completed and the physician was notified.

8. Resident M.B. originally had an order for three 5 mg oxycodone tablets. Respondent failed to check the medication administration log to show there had been a change in physician order, failed to recognize the red sticker on the medication card which indicated a recent change in order and failed to conduct the five rights of medication administration prior to administering the oxycodone.

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. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 961.20(2)(a), alprazolam is a schedule IV controlled substance for which, under the circumstances at issue, a prescription is required pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 961.38(3).

3. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 961.16(2)(a)11., oxycodone is a schedule II controlled substance for which, under the circumstances at issue, a prescription is required pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 961.38(2).

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N., was negligent as defined by Wis. Admin. Code. § N 7.03(1)(b)¹ by an act or omission demonstrating a failure to maintain competency in practice and methods of nursing care.

5. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code. § N 7.04(2) by administering any drug other than in the course of legitimate practice or as otherwise prohibited by law.

6. As a result of the above conduct, Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(b), (c) and (d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.
3. The practical nursing license issued to Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N., (license number 317619-31) 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 their own expense, successfully complete six (6) hours of education on the topic of medication administration 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, Elena N. Knigge, L.P.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$250.00.

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:

¹ All references to Wis. Admin. Code §§ N 7.03 and N 7.04 refer to the code as it existed before August 1, 2014.

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. 317619-31) 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 submitted proof of successful 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

11-13-14
Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 NUR 208

Respondent Elena N. Knigge, L.P.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.

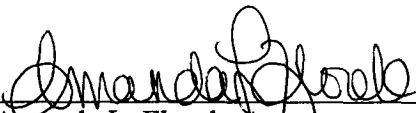
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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.




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