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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

DYLAN J. APULI, R.N., LICENSEE. : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER: FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 NUR 653

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

Dylan J. Apuli, R.N. W280 N9085 Hideaway Dr. Hartland, WI 53029

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. Licensee Dylan J. Apuli, R.N., (dob September 4, 1991) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 220214-30, first issued on December 15, 2014 and current through February 28, 2018. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is W280 N9085 Hideaway Drive, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee was employed as a professional nurse at hospital (Hospital), located in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.
- 3. On April 16, 2015, Licensee was returning home from his shift at the Hospital, fell asleep while driving and collided head-on with another vehicle.

- 4. A Waukesha County sheriff's deputy found two (2) vials of morphine in Licensee's vehicle. One (1) vial was shattered and the other had a small amount of morphine in the vial.
  - 5. Both vials were traced to the Hospital via serial numbers.
- 6. Licensee stated to law enforcement that he did not recall anything 24 hours prior to the accident and must have forgotten to waste the morphine at the end of his shift.
- 7. The Hospital conducted an audit of Licensee's medication dispensing, administration and waste logs and found no inconsistencies or discrepancies.
- 8. The Hospital was able to determine that based on the amount Respondent dispensed and the amount he administered, that the intact vial contained the amount that should have been wasted. Therefore, there was no morphine that was unaccounted for.
- 9. On December 7, 2015, Licensee, in Waukesha County Circuit Court case number 2015CF1295, pled guilty to and was convicted of one (1) count of possession of narcotic drugs, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 961.41(3g)(am), a felony; and one (1) count of reckless driving causing bodily harm, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 346.62(3), a misdemeanor.
- 10. On January 11, 2016, the Waukesha County Circuit Court judge conditionally granted expunction of the possession of narcotic charge, in case number 2015CF1295, upon completion of probation.
- 11. Licensee was ordered to undergo an AODA assessment. The assessment resulted in no diagnosis.
  - 12. Licensee timely reported his conviction to the Board.
- 13. 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 six (6) months of the date of this Order, Dylan J. Apuli, R.N., shall at his own expense take and successfully complete three (3) hours of education on the topic of ethics and professionalism 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. Request for approval of courses and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

A Member of the Board

Date

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

STIPULATION

DYLAN J. APULI, R.N., LICENSEE.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 NUR 653

Licensee Dylan J. Apuli, 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 a hearing 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.
- 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.

Dylan J. Apuli, R.N., Livensee

W280 N9085 Hideaway Dr.

Hartland, WI 53029 License No. 220214-30 11-10-2016 Date

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