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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ORDER IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS

LUKUS MALZAHN, R.N., RESPONDENT.

ORDER0005123

TO: LUKUS MALZAHN 801 W SPENCE ST

**COLBY WI 54421** 

On January 12, 2017, the Wisconsin Board of Nursing ("Board") issued a Final Decision and Order ("Order") limiting Respondent's professional nursing license with certain terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completion of an AODA assessment by an approved provider. The Order further states that the Board, or its designee, may limit Respondent's license to address concerns of the Board and address recommendations resulting from the assessment.

On April 19, 2017, the Board designee reviewed and accepted the report resulting from Respondent's AODA assessment. Based on the assessor's recommendations, the following is entered:

#### **ORDER**

1. Respondent's professional nursing license (#166703-30) is further LIMITED as follows:

#### **Treatment**

- a. Respondent shall enter into, and shall continue, drug and alcohol treatment with a treater acceptable to the Board or its designee ("Treater") within thirty (30) days from the date of this order. Respondent shall participate in, cooperate with, and follow all treatment recommended by Treater.
  - i. Respondent shall immediately provide Treater with a copy of the Final Decision and Order, this order and all other subsequent orders.
  - ii. Treater shall be responsible for coordinating Respondent's rehabilitation and treatment as required under the terms of this Order, and shall immediately report any relapse, violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Order, and any suspected unprofessional conduct, to the Department Monitor (See 5., below). If Treater is unable or unwilling to serve as required by this Order, Respondent shall immediately seek approval of a successor Treater by the Board or its designee.

- iii. The rehabilitation program shall include individual and/or group therapy sessions at a frequency to be determined by Treater. Therapy may end only with the approval of the Board or its designee, after receiving a petition for modification as required by the Order. Any petition for modification shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from Respondent's Treater expressly supporting the specific modification sought.
- iv. Treater shall submit formal written reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Respondent's progress in drug and alcohol treatment. Treater shall report immediately to the Department Monitor any violation or suspected violation of this Order.

#### Releases

b. Respondent shall provide and keep on file with Treater, all treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collections sites current releases complying with state and federal laws. The releases shall allow the Board, its designee, and any employee of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Legal Services and Compliance to: (a) obtain all specimen screen results and patient health care and treatment records and reports, and (b) discuss the progress of Respondent's treatment and rehabilitation with Treater and treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collection sites. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor.

# AA/NA

c. Respondent shall attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals at the frequency recommended by Treater, but no less than once per week, within fourteen (14) days from the date of this order. Attendance of Respondent at such meetings shall be verified and reported quarterly to Treater and the Department Monitor as directed by the Department Monitor.

# Sobriety

- d. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of alcohol.
- e. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Wis. Stat. § 961.01(4), except when prescribed, dispensed or administered by a practitioner for a legitimate medical condition. Respondent shall disclose Respondent's drug and alcohol history and the existence and nature of this Order to the practitioner prior to the practitioner ordering the controlled substance. Respondent shall at the time the controlled substance is ordered immediately sign a release in compliance with state and federal laws authorizing the practitioner to discuss Respondent's treatment with, and

provide copies of treatment records to, the Board or its designee. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor.

- f. Respondent shall report to the Department Monitor all prescription medications and drugs taken by Respondent. Reports must be received within 24 hours of ingestion or administration of the medication or drug, and shall identify the person or persons who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered said medications or drugs. Each time the prescription is filled or refilled, Respondent shall immediately arrange for the prescriber or pharmacy to fax and mail copies of all prescriptions to the Department Monitor.
- g. Respondent shall provide the Department Monitor with a list of over-the-counter medications and drugs that he may take from time to time. Over-the-counter medications and drugs that mask the consumption of controlled substances or alcohol, create false positive screening results, or interfere with Respondent's treatment and rehabilitation, shall not be taken unless ordered by a physician, in which case the drug must be reported as described in the paragraph 1(f).

## Drug and Alcohol Screens

- h. Respondent shall enroll and participate in a drug and alcohol monitoring program which is approved by the Department (Approved Program). Enrollment shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this Order.
- i. At the time Respondent enrolls in the Approved Program, Respondent shall review all of the rules and procedures made available by the Approved Program. Failure to comply with all requirements for participation in drug monitoring established by the Approved Program is a substantial violation of this Order. The requirements shall include:
  - i. Contact with the Approved Program as directed on a daily basis, including vacations, weekends and holidays.
  - ii. Production of a urine, blood, sweat, fingernail, hair, saliva or other specimen at a collection site designated by the Approved Program within five (5) hours of notification of a test.
  - iii. The Approved Program shall require the testing of specimens at a frequency of not less than forty-nine (49) times per year, for at least the first year of this Order. Thereafter, Respondent may petition the Board on an annual basis for modifications. The Board may adjust the frequency of testing on its own initiative at any time.
- j. All positive test results are presumed valid and may result in automatic suspension of licensure by the Board or the Board's designee. Respondent must prove by

a preponderance of the evidence an error in collection, testing, fault in the chain of custody or other valid defense.

- k. If any urine, blood, sweat, fingernail, hair, saliva or other specimen is positive or suspected positive for any controlled substances, Respondent shall promptly submit to additional tests or examinations as the Board or its designee shall determine to be appropriate to clarify or confirm the positive or suspected positive test results.
- 1. In addition to any requirement of the Approved Program, the Board or its designee may require Respondent to do any or all of the following: (a) submit additional specimens; (b) furnish any specimen in a directly witnessed manner; or (c) submit specimens on a more frequent basis.

#### **Practice Limitations**

- m. Respondent shall practice only in a work setting pre-approved by the Board or its designee.
- n. Respondent shall <u>not</u> work as a nurse or other health care provider in a setting in which Respondent has access to controlled substances. Respondent shall provide the Department Monitor with written acknowledgment from each nursing employer that Respondent does not have access to controlled substances. Such acknowledgement shall be provided to the Department Monitor within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order for any current employer and on a quarterly basis thereafter from each nursing employer.
- o. Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed professional nurse or other licensed health care professional approved by the Board or its designee.
- p. Respondent may not work in a home health care, hospice, pool nursing, assisted living, or agency setting.
- q. It is Respondent's responsibility to arrange for written reports from supervisors to be provided to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Respondent's work performance, and shall include the number of hours of active nursing practice worked during that quarter. If a report indicates poor performance, the Board may institute appropriate corrective limitations in its discretion.
- 2. The Board or its designee may, without hearing, suspend Respondent's nursing license upon receipt of information that Respondent is in substantial or repeated violation of any provision of this Order. A substantial violation includes, but is not limited to, a positive drug screen. A repeated violation is defined as the multiple violations of the same provision or violation of more than one provision. The Board or its designee may, in conjunction with the

suspension, prohibit Respondent from seeking termination of the suspension for a specified period of time.

- 3. The Board or its designee may terminate the suspension if provided with sufficient information that Respondent is in compliance with the Order and that it is appropriate for the suspension to be terminated. Whether to terminate the suspension shall be wholly in the discretion of the Board or its designee.
- 4. Respondent is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Order, including the timely submission of reports by others. Respondent shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any failures of the Treater, treatment facility, Approved Program or collection sites to conform to the terms and conditions of this Order. Respondent shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order by Respondent.
- 5. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by all orders shall be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to:

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

- 6. All terms and conditions of this Order not otherwise modified remain in full force and effect.
  - 7. This order is effective the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Paul Wegglen, RN

A Member of the Board p

Upul 18, 2017

Date