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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

GINA T. KENT, R.N., A.P.N.P.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 NUR 030

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

Gina T. Kent, R.N., A.P.N.P.
1808 Rowley Ave.
Madison, WI 53726

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 Gina T. Kent, R.N., A.P.N.P., (dob April 19, 1963) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 164391-30, first issued on July 3, 2008, and current through February 28, 2018. Respondent is also certified as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having certificate number 4144-33, first issued on August 24, 2010, and current through September 30, 2018. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1808 Rowley Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53726.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as an agency nurse and working at a healthcare center (Center) located in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

3. Respondent worked in the Center operating room.
4. The Center conducted an audit of Respondent's pain medication dispensing and documentation and discovered the following discrepancies:
 - a. On June 3, 2016, at 9:13 a.m., Respondent dispensed 2 mg of hydromorphone 2mg/2 mL for Patient S.G. At 9:50 a.m., Respondent documented administering 0.5 mg of hydromorphone to Patient S.G. At 10:25 a.m., Respondent documented administering 0.5 mg of hydromorphone to Patient S.G. At 11:00 a.m., Respondent documented administering 0.5 mg of hydromorphone to Patient S.G. Respondent failed to document administration or waste of the remaining 0.5 mg of hydromorphone.
 - b. On June 14, 2016, at 6:17 a.m., Respondent dispensed 100 mcg of fentanyl 100 mcg/2 mL for Patient K.H. At 8:05 a.m., Respondent documented administering 75 mcg of fentanyl to Patient K.H. Respondent failed to document the administration or waste of the remaining 25 mcg of fentanyl.
 - c. On June 14, 2016, at 12:17 a.m., Respondent dispensed 2 mg of midazolam 2 mg/2 mL for Patient V.A. Respondent failed to document administration, waste or return.
 - d. On September 7, 2016, at 11:04 a.m., Respondent dispensed 500 mg of ketamine 500 mg/ 10 mL for Patient A.K. At 11:04 a.m., Respondent documented waste of 475 mg of ketamine. Respondent failed to document administration or waste of the remaining 25 mg of ketamine.
5. 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, Gina T. Kent, R.N., A.P.N.P., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(a), by failing to perform nursing with reasonable skill and safety.
3. As a result of the above conduct, Gina T. Kent, R.N., A.P.N.P., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(b) and (d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Gina T. Kent, R.N., A.P.N.P., is REPRIMANDED.
3. The professional nursing license issued to Gina T. Kent, R.N., A.P.N.P., (license number 164391-30), the advance practice nurse prescriber certificate (certificate number 4144-33), her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Enhanced 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 four (4) hours of education on the topic of medication errors and five (5) hours of education on the topic of documentation 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. Pursuant to Nurse Licensure Compact regulations, Respondent's nursing practice is limited to Wisconsin during the pendency of this limitation. This requirement may be waived only upon the prior written authorization of both the Wisconsin Board of Nursing and the regulatory board in the state in which Respondent proposes to practice.
5. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Gina T. Kent, R.N., A.P.N.P., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$775.00.

6. Request for 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

7. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (164391-30), Respondent's certificate (4144-33), or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by: Paul Krane
A Member of the Board

5-10-18
Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 NUR 030

Respondent Gina T. Kent, 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Micabil Diaz.

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.

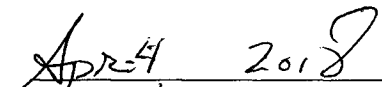
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by 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 or Respondent's attorney, 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.

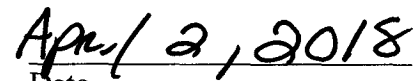
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

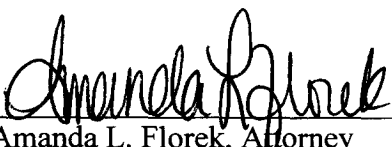
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

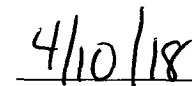

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