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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SARA A. ROSS, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 NUR 692

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

Sara A. Ross, R.N.
12146 Bataan Street NE
Blaine, MN 55449

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 Sara A. Ross, R.N., (dob October 21, 1974) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 236379-30, first issued on June 27, 2017, and current through February 28, 2018. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 12146 Bataan Street NE, Blaine, Minnesota 55449.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at a clinic (Clinic), located in Fridley, Minnesota.

3. From April of 2014 through March 22, 2017, while employed at the Clinic, Respondent forged several prescriptions for non-narcotic medications under the name of her physician and two (2) other providers at the Clinic.

4. On April 5, 2017, Respondent's employment at the Clinic was terminated.

5. On October 2, 2017, the Minnesota Board of Nursing (MN Board), issued a Consent Order imposing a civil penalty on Respondent, and ordering her to complete the following continuing education courses within six (6) months: Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, Ethics of Nursing Practice, and Righting a Wrong; and Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

6. On October 31, 2017, the MN Board issued Respondent an Order of Unconditional License after Respondent met all the conditions of the October 2, 2017 Consent Order.

7. Respondent admitted to forging the prescriptions to self-treat a chronic health condition.

8. 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, Sara A. Ross, R.N., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(b), by having a license to practice nursing or a nurse licensure compact privilege to practice denied, revoked, suspended, limited, or having the credential holder otherwise disciplined in another state, territory, or country. A certified copy of the record of the board is conclusive evidence of the final action.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Sara A. Ross, R.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(b) and (d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Sara A. Ross, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Sara A. Ross, R.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$130.00.

4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

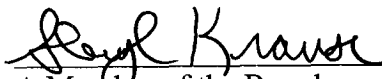
Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (236379-30), 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.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by:


A Member of the Board

Date

6-14-18

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 NUR 692

Respondent Sara A. Ross, 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.

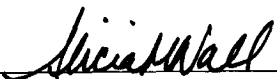
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Sara A. Ross, Respondent
12146 Bataan Street NE
Blaine, MN 55449
License no. 236379-30

5-2-18

Date



Alicia M. Nall, Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison WI 53707-7190

5/8/2018

Date