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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

IRIS M. ADAMS, L.P.N., RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 NUR 250

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

Iris M. Adams, L.P.N. 9627 West Thurston Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53225

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 Iris M. Adams, L.P.N. (dob April 9, 1973) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a practical nurse, having license number 310893-31, first issued on February 4, 2009 and current through April 30, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 9627 West Thurston Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225.
- 2. On information and belief, Respondent's current address is 5009 Enclave Drive, #908, Fort Worth, Texas 76132.

- 3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a practical nurse at a rehabilitation center located in Waukesha, Wisconsin (Center).
- 4. It was alleged that on April 1, 2016, Respondent was verbally abusive to a resident of the Center.
  - 5. The Center investigated the allegation and terminated Respondent's employment.
- 6. Respondent denies she was verbally abusive to the resident, but consents to the entry of the following Conclusion of Law and Order.

## **CONCLUSION 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).

#### <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The PERMANENT SURRENDER by Iris M. Adams of her license to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin (license no. 310893-31) and any appurtenant right to renew that license, is hereby accepted, effective the date of this Order.
- 3. This surrender constitutes Respondent's permanent relinquishment of her right to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin. The Board will not, at any time in the future, process or otherwise consider an application or attempt at renewal by Respondent of credentials necessary to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin.
- 4. If Respondent ever seeks any other license under Wis. Stat. chs. 440-480, Iris M. Adams shall, as a prerequisite to application, pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$2,300.
- 5. If applicable, costs would 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

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

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by:		7/13/18	
	A Member of the Board	Date	

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IRIS M. ADAMS, L.P.N., RESPONDENT. ADD 58?

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 NUR 250

Respondent Iris M. Adams 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

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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.

Iris M. Adams, L.P.N., Respondent

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Upon information, Respondent's current address is 5009 Enclave Drive, #908, Fort Worth, Texas 76132.