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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DEBORAH K. ROHRWASSER, 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 556

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

Deborah K. Rohrwasser, R.N.
504 Mesa Court
Waukesha, WI 53188

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 53705-7190

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 Deborah K. Rohrwasser, R.N., (D.O.B. July 5, 1958) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 83137-30, first issued on September 23, 1982, and current through February 28, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 504 Mesa Court, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188.

2. Upon information and belief, the Respondent's current address is 1910 Southeast 147th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97233.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at a hospital (Hospital) located in Tacoma, Washington, on a Registered Nurse Temporary Practice Permit from the State of Washington, credential #N260765235.

4. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent had active Registered Nurse licenses from the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Oregon Board) (license no. 201406950RN) and in the state of Wisconsin (credential #83137-30).

5. On September 11, 2017, Respondent falsely completed an examination checklist, entered vital signs, then forged a physician's signature on a physical examination report for herself, and then provided a copy of the report to her employer.

6. On September 13, 2017, the Hospital terminated Respondent from her employment.

7. On or about March 14, 2018, the Oregon Board entered a default judgment against the Respondent finding her in violation of Oregon state law and rules pertaining to the practice of Nursing, and suspended the Respondent's Oregon nursing license for thirty (30) days.

8. Respondent is no longer practicing nursing in Wisconsin, has established residency in the state of Oregon, and wishes to voluntarily surrender her Wisconsin nursing license.

9. 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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of the license and privilege, and the right to renew such license and privilege, of Deborah K. Rohrwasser, R.N., (license no. 83137-30) to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin or to practice nursing in Wisconsin under another state license pursuant to the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact is hereby accepted.

3. In the event Respondent petitions the Board of Nursing for reinstatement of a nursing credential, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted to the Respondent shall be in the sole discretion of the Board.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by: Lamela Kuchito, RN
A Member of the Board

2/14/19
Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 NUR 556

Respondent Deborah K. Rohrwasser, 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.

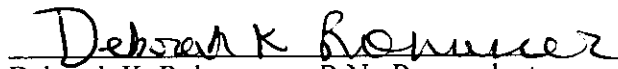
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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.



Deborah K. Rohrwasser, R.N., Respondent
504 Mesa Court
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License no. 83137-30

12/10/2018
Date



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1-14-19
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