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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

BOBBIE JO K. PAUL, R.N., A.P.N.P.
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

0006174

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 NUR 631

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

Bobbie Jo K. Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P.
244 Lac La Belle Drive
Oconomowoc, WI 53066-1648

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 Bobbie Jo K. Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P., (DOB March 10, 1974) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 127028-30, first issued on July 28, 1997, and current through February 28, 2020. Respondent is also licensed in the state of Wisconsin as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having license number 5651-33, first issued on January 23, 2014, and current through September 30, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 244 Lac La Belle Drive, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a nurse practitioner at a pain management clinic (Clinic) located in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

3. On March 6, 2017, Respondent began working at the Clinic.
4. Respondent was not enrolled with, or approved by, Wisconsin Medicaid as a Prescribing/Referring/Ordering Provider when she began working at the Clinic. Such approval was required in order for Medicaid to pay for prescriptions issued by Respondent.
5. On March 7, 2017, Respondent was approved by Wisconsin Medicaid as a Prescribing/Referring/Ordering Provider.
6. On March 6 and 7, 2017, during the time that Respondent was not yet approved by Medicaid as a Prescribing/Referring/Ordering Provider, Respondent wrote prescriptions for Clinic patients on blank prescription forms pre-signed by another prescriber at the Clinic.
7. Respondent was instructed by her employer to issue prescriptions for Clinic patients on forms pre-signed by another prescriber until she became approved by Medicaid.
8. Once Respondent was approved by Medicaid on March 7, 2017, she started issuing prescriptions to Clinic patients using her own signature.
9. On June 29, 2017, Respondent resigned from the Clinic.
10. 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, Bobbie Jo K. Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(8)(a), by prescribing any drug other than in the course of legitimate practice or as otherwise prohibited by law.
3. As a result of the above conduct, Bobbie Jo K. Paul, 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 Bobbie Jo K. Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P., is REPRIMANDED.
3. The registered nursing license and advanced practice nurse prescriber license issued to Bobbie Jo Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P., (license numbers 127028-30 and 5651-33, respectively) 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 responsible prescribing of controlled substances 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 Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact regulations, Respondent's nursing practice is limited to Wisconsin during the pendency of this limitation.

5. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Bobbie Jo K. Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P., shall pay COSTS in this matter in the amount of \$1,108.00.

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

You may also submit this information online via
DSPA's Monitoring Case Management System, here:
<https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

7. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's licenses (127028-30 and 5651-33) or Respondent's right to renew her licenses, 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: Pamela Kuchite, RN
A Member of the Board

3/14/19
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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RESPONDENT.

DEPT OF SAFETY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE

STIPULATION

0006104

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 NUR 631

Respondent Bobbie Jo K. Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P., 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 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.



Bobbie Jo K. Paul, R.N., A.P.N.P., Respondent
244 Lac La Belle Drive
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
License no. 127028-30 (R.N.)
License no. 5651-33 (A.P.N.P.)

2/27/19
Date



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3/9/19
Date