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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

COREY J. BRANDENBURG, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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: **ORDER 0006531**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 NUR 557

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

Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N.
7179 Kelly Dr.
Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539

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 Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., (DOB November 11, 1988) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 221425-30, first issued on February 13, 2015, and current through February 28, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 7179 Kelly Drive, Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54539.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at a correctional facility (Facility), located in Irma, Wisconsin.

3. On February 10, 2016, Respondent saw Patient A, a 14-year old male, in his unit at 7:50 p.m., per direction from a previous Facility nurse.

4. Respondent stated Patient A was sleeping, however, woke easily when he entered. Patient A was alert and oriented, and tired. Patient A reported barely leaving his room all day and eating less than 10% of his meals.

5. Respondent did not take Patient A's vitals during the visit. He gave Patient A some Gatorade to sip on and encouraged him to continue eating crackers.

6. Respondent also directed Patient A to comply with the prescription for his heartburn medication and reminded him of his scheduled follow-up the next morning.

7. On February 11, 2016, Respondent followed up with Patient A at 4:45p.m., as Patient A was lethargic, had a fever, and severe abdominal pain. Patient A requested to use the restroom at the beginning of the assessment.

8. Approximately fifteen (15) minutes later, Respondent checked on Patient A, but Patient A stated he was okay. Five (5) minutes later, Patient A was repeatedly yelling from the bathroom for staff. Respondent and another Facility nurse entered the bathroom to find Patient A lying on the floor with a jacket under his head stating his legs were numb.

9. Patient A was moved to an observation room and offered some crackers and Gatorade, which he refused. Respondent completed an examination of Patient A, finding "abdominal tenderness, increase pulse, and slightly elevated temperature." Respondent took Patient A's vitals, finding his pulse at 120.

10. Respondent reported he thought he should call the on-call provider because of high pulse rate but instead, following the examination, Patient A was returned to his unit with a follow up scheduled for the following morning.

11. On February 12, 2016, Patient A was rushed to hospital and underwent surgery to remove his appendix.

12. 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, Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(a), by failing to perform nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(c), by departing from or failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable nursing practice that may create necessary risk or danger to a patient's live, health or safety.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(i), by failing to consult or delaying in consultation for clinical care beyond scope of practice.

5. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(j), by failing to treat.

7. As a result of the above conduct, Corey J. Brandenburg, 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 Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
3. The registered nurse license issued to Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., (license number 221425-30) and his 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 his own expense, successfully complete six (6) hours of education on the topic of patient assessment 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 the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, Respondent's may not practice nursing in a compact state, other than Wisconsin, during the pendency of this limitation.
5. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$488.00.

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 the Department's Monitoring Case Management System at


<https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

7. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (221425-30), or Respondent's right to renew his 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:



A Member of the Board

11/14/19

Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006531

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 NUR 557

Respondent Corey J. Brandenburg, 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.

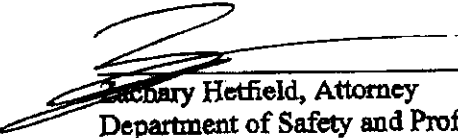
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Corey J. Brandenburg, R.N., Respondent
7179 Kelly Dr.
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License no. 221425-30

10/12/19

Date



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Date