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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

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JAMI E. HELLMER, R.N., A.P.N.P.,

: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

LICENSEE.

URDER 0006724

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 064

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

Jami E. Hellmer, R.N., A.P.N.P. Grafton, WI 53024

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. Licensee Jami E. Hellmer, R.N., A.P.N.P., (DOB xx/xx/1988) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 176273-30, first issued on January 28, 2011, and current through February 29, 2020. Licensee is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having license number 8291-33, first issued on March 15, 2018, and current through September 30, 2020. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Grafton, Wisconsin.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee was employed as an advanced practice nurse prescriber at a hospital (Hospital), located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- 3. On March 30, 2018, Patient A, a female born in 1988 with a history of low back pain, was seen at a spine care clinic (Clinic) for an initial evaluation. Patient A was seen by a physician assistant working under the supervision of Physician B, an orthopedic spine surgeon, who documented that Patient A's medical history was significant for heroin addiction and IV drug abuse, with Patient A reporting last use about one and a half years prior.
- 4. On May 10, 2018, Patient A was seen and evaluated by Physician B for a follow-up office visit, at which time Physician B recommended a right sided L4-L5 microdiscectomy and micro decompression.
- 5. On June 8, 2018, Physician B performed an L4-L5 microdiscectomy and micro decompression on Patient A.
- 6. On June 8, 2018, Licensee, working under the supervision of Physician B, saw Patient A before surgery and signed an Interval History and Physical Note that stated "I saw and evaluated [Patient A] and I have confirmed the findings as documented in the H&P. There have been no changes in the patient's condition since the H&P was completed."
- 7. On June 8, 2018, Licensee, working under the supervision of Physician B, wrote a prescription for Patient A for one hundred eighty (180) oxycodone 5 mg tablets, with instructions to take one (1) to two (2) tablets every four (4) hours, as needed for pain, for fifteen (15) days.
 - 8. On June 8, 2018, Patient A was discharged from the Hospital.
 - 9. On June 8, 2018, Patient A filled the prescription written by Licensee.
- 10. On June 9, 2018, Patient A was taken to the emergency room for cardiopulmonary arrest secondary to narcotic overdose, after having injected heroin that morning.
- 11. On June 10, 2018, Patient A died from multidrug toxicity. The autopsy report indicated that one hundred sixty-seven (167) tablets of oxycodone remained at the time of death. The toxicology report confirmed the presence of heroin and oxycodone in her system.
- 12. In resolution of this matter, Licensee denies engaging in inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances, but consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

- 2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Jami E. Hellmer, R.N., A.P.N.P., shall at her own expense take and successfully complete ten (10) hours of education on the topic of opioid prescribing as follows:
 - a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
 - b. Licensee 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 education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.
 - c. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.
- 3. Request for approval of courses and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
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 DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:

https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring

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

by:

A Member of the Board

A Member of the Board

Date

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

STIPULATION

IAMI E. HELLMER, R.N., A.P.N.P., LICENSEE ORDER 0006724

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR: 064

Licensee Jami E. Hellmer, R.N., A.P.N.P., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stigulate as follows:

- I. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, 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 Licensee;

• the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoons;

w the right to testify on Licensea's own behalf;

e 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 Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Licensee is represented by Attorney Jill Munson.
- 4. Licensee 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 firsther notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee 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 Licensee, 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. Licensee 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 Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Jami E. Hellmer, R.N., A.P.N.P., Licensee

Grafton WI 53024

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