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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR
RENEWAL OF A REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE

ORDER GRANTING LIMITED LICENSE

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

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
Department of Safety and Professional Services
4822 Madison Yards Way
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephanie Werner (Applicant) filed an application to renew her Wisconsin Registered Nurse license (license number 171262-30).
2. Applicant resides in Wisconsin.
3. Information received in the application process reflects that Applicant has the following violation:
 - a. On or about October 22, 2019 – Operating While Intoxicated 1st, an ordinance violation
 - i. Applicant went out to dinner and a bar for drinks with friends. Applicant drank in excess to cope with the suicide of a close friend and decided to drive home. After making a wide right turn and driving left of the center lane, Applicant was pulled over.

- ii. Applicant failed the Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and blew a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) of .17. She paid a fine, her driver's license was revoked for six (6) months, and she was ordered to use an Interlock Ignition Device (IID) for twelve (12) months. She completed an Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) assessment.

4. Applicant's OWI and subsequent AODA assessment show her to be unfit or incompetent by abuse of alcohol:

- a. During Applicant's AODA intake assessment she reported cravings, black outs, rapid ingestion, guilt regarding use, rationalization/excuses, concerns of others, binge use, an increased tolerance for alcohol, frequently using more alcohol than intended, alcohol use causing her to be late for work/school or to miss work or be fired from a job, use causing problems in her relationships, history of alcohol use disorder with her father, and reported feeling that she cannot control her alcohol use. She was diagnosed ICD-10: F10.20, Alcohol dependence, uncomplicated.
- b. Beginning November 19, 2019, Applicant became a client of Affiliate Clinical Services, Inc., treatment program. Applicant was reported as following through with treatment guidelines and recommendations, including staying sober throughout the duration of the program. Applicant continues to work toward her recovery goals but has less than one (1) year of sobriety.

5. In resolution of this matter, Applicant consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and is authorized to enter the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 15.08(5)(c) and 227.44(5).
2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(c), the Board may deny or limit a license if Applicant committed acts which show the Registered Nurse, to be unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, abuse of alcohol or other drugs, or mental incompetency.
3. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 441.07(1g)(b) and (d), the Board may deny or limit a license if Applicant violates any rule or statute or engages in unprofessional conduct.
4. Grounds for denying a license include being unable to practice professional nursing safely by reason of alcohol or other drugs pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(f).
5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(4), the Board may deny the Applicant's application for renewal of her Registered Nurse license to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Limitations upon Applicant's Registered Nurse license are necessary to ensure that she is fit and competent to safely practice as a Registered Nurse.
3. Applicant's ability to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state of Wisconsin, and her privilege to practice pursuant to the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. For a period of at least one (1) year from the date of this Order:
 - i. Applicant shall enroll and participate in a drug and alcohol monitoring program which is approved by the Board or its designee (Approved Program). Enrollment shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this Order.
 - ii. At the time Applicant enrolls in the Approved Program, Applicant shall review the rules and procedures made available by the Approved Program. Failure to comply with all requirements for participation in drug and alcohol monitoring established by the Approved Program is a substantial violation of this Order. The requirements shall include:
 1. Contact with the Approved Program as directed on a daily basis, including vacations, weekends and holidays.
 2. Production of a urine, blood, sweat, fingernail, hair, saliva or other specimen at a collection site designated by the Approved Program within five (5) hours of notification of a test.
 3. The Approved Program shall require the testing of specimens at a frequency of not less than twenty-eight (28) times per year, for at least the first year of this Order. Thereafter, the Board may adjust the frequency of testing on its own initiative at any time.
 - iii. Applicant shall abstain from all personal use of alcohol.
 - iv. Applicant shall abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Wis. Stat. § 961.01(4), except when prescribed, dispensed or administered by a practitioner for a legitimate medical condition. Applicant shall disclose Applicant's drug and alcohol history and the existence and nature of this Order to the practitioner prior to the practitioner ordering the controlled substance. Applicant shall at the time the controlled substance is ordered immediately sign a release in

compliance with state and federal laws authorizing the practitioner to discuss Applicant's treatment with, and provide copies of treatment records to, the Board or its designee. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department of Safety and Professional Services Monitor (Department Monitor).

- v. All positive test results are presumed valid and may result in automatic suspension of licensure by the Board or the Board's designee. A positive test is a violation of this order.
- vi. If any urine, blood, sweat, fingernail, hair, saliva or other specimen is positive or suspected positive for any controlled substances or alcohol, Applicant shall promptly submit to additional tests or examinations as the Board or its designee shall determine to be appropriate to clarify or confirm the positive or suspected positive test results.
- vii. Applicant shall provide Applicant's nursing employer with a copy of this Order before engaging in, or continuing to engage in, any nursing employment. Applicant shall provide the Department Monitor with written acknowledgment from each nursing employer that a copy of this Order has been received. Such acknowledgment shall be provided to the Department Monitor within fourteen (14) days of beginning new employment and/or within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order for employment current as of the date of this Order.
- viii. It is Applicant's responsibility to arrange for quarterly written reports to be submitted to the Department Monitor from her supervisor at each setting in which Applicant practiced nursing in the previous quarter. These reports shall be submitted as directed by the Department Monitor, and shall assess Applicant's work performance, and shall include the number of hours of active nursing practice worked during that quarter. If a report indicates poor performance, the Board may institute additional limitations on Applicant's nursing license, in its discretion.
- ix. Applicant may work as a nurse or other health care provider in a setting in which Applicant has access to controlled substances.
- x. Applicant shall report to the Board any change of employment status, residence, address or telephone number within five (5) days of the date of change.
- xi. Applicant shall commit no new violations of law and shall report all law enforcement contacts leading to arrest, charge or conviction, including DWI/OWI and municipal/ordinance violations, to the Department Monitor within 48 hours of any such event, including any convictions resulting from pending charges.

4. Applicant may petition the Board on an annual basis for modification of the terms of this Order, however no such petition for modification shall occur earlier than one (1) year from the date of this Order. Denial of a petition in whole or in part shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a), and Applicant shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on the denial.

5. After one (1) continuous year of successful compliance, including at least six hundred (600) hours of approved nursing practice during the year, the Applicant may petition the Board for return of full licensure. The Board may grant or deny any petition, in its discretion, or may modify this Order as it sees fit.

6. Pursuant to the Compact, Applicant may not practice in a Compact State, other than Wisconsin, while her license is encumbered by any limitation or restriction imposed by this order.

7. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered to:

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 DSPS' Monitoring Case management System, here: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>

8. In the event Applicant violates any term of this Order, Applicant's license, or Applicant's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing. The Board or its designee may terminate the suspension if provided with sufficient information that Applicant is in compliance with the Order and that it is appropriate for the suspension to be terminated. Whether to terminate the suspension shall be wholly in the discretion of the Board or its designee. 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.

9. Applicant shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the monitoring, screening, supervision, and any other expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order. Being dropped from a program for non-payment is a violation of this Order.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: /CP.
A Member of the Board

09/02/2020
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR
RENEWAL OF A REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE

STEPHANIE WERNER, R.N.,
APPLICANT.

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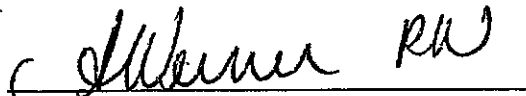
It is stipulated between Applicant and the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board) as follows:

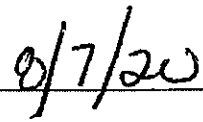
1. Applicant filed an application to renew a Registered Nurse license.
2. Information received by the Board reflects a basis for denial of the renewal application.
3. Based upon the information of record, the Board agrees to issue, and Applicant agrees to accept, an Order granting a renewal of the Registered Nurse license, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Order adopting the Stipulation.
4. Applicant understands that by signing this Stipulation, Applicant voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to request a hearing related to the denial of the application;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Applicant;
 - the right to call witnesses on Applicant's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Applicant'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 Applicant under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
5. Applicant is aware of Applicant's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
6. Applicant agrees to the adoption of the attached Order Granting Limited License by the Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Order Granting Limited License without further notice, appearance, or consent of the parties.

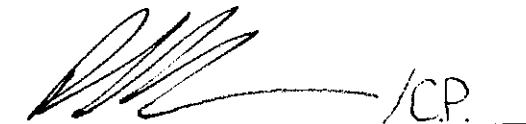
7. Applicant waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's Order, as adopted in the form as attached.

8. Applicant is informed that the Order Granting Limited License is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard procedure.

9. Applicant is informed that the Order Granting Limited License is an encumbrance as defined by the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact) and Applicant's multi-state license and/or privilege, if any, will be subject to all terms and conditions of the Compact.


Stephanie Werner, R.N.
West Bend WI 53095
License no. 171262-30


Date


A Member of the Board of Nursing
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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Date