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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SHARON M. SLANEY, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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ORDER UUD7031

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 033

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

Sharon M. Slaney, R.N.
Richland Center, WI 53581

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 Sharon M. Slaney, R.N., (DOB: xx/xx/1965) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 138883-30, first issued on January 13, 2003, and current through February 28, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Richland Center, Wisconsin 53581.

2. On July 11, 2014, Respondent signed a Stipulation agreeing to a Remedial Education Order (Order No. 0003392) requiring that Respondent complete three (3) hours of education on the topic of ethics and professionalism in nursing, and three (3) hours of education on the topic of patient's rights within six (6) months of issuance.

3. On September 11, 2014, the Board approved and issued Order No. 0003392 against Respondent.

4. On December 21, 2017, a monitor from the Department's Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) sent a letter to Respondent at her most recent address on file regarding the ordered education.

5. On November 27, 2018, the Division's monitor sent an email to Respondent at the email address on file with the Department, smreinsv@hotmail.com, regarding the ordered education.

6. On March 15, 2019, the case at hand was opened against Respondent to investigate Respondent's noncompliance with Order No. 0003392 and enforce the terms of that order.

7. On July 3, 2019, the Division sent a letter to Respondent at her Richland Center address on file with the Department, requesting a written response as to why the ordered education had not been completed. The Division did not receive a response.

8. On July 24, 2019, the Division sent an email to Respondent at the email address on file with the Department, smreinsv@hotmail.com. The July 3, 2019 letter was attached. The Division did not receive a response.

9. On October 11, 2019, the Division sent a letter to Respondent at the Richland Center address, requesting a written response as to why the ordered education had not been completed. On that same date, the Division sent an email to Respondent, at smreinsv@hotmail.com, with the letter attached. The Division did not receive a response.

10. On November 14, 2019, a Division investigator attempted to call the Respondent twice at the most recent phone number on file with the Department. Respondent did not answer the calls.

11. On November 14, 2019, the Division sent a certified letter to Respondent at the Richland Center address above, requesting a written response as to why the ordered education had not been completed. On that same date, the Division sent an email to Respondent, at smreinsv@hotmail.com, with the letter attached. The Division did not receive a response.

12. On December 19, 2019, the certified letter sent by the Division on November 14, 2019, was returned undelivered. Respondent did not pick up the letter from the post office.

13. On January 29, 2020, a Division investigator sent an email to an attorney representing Respondent in a separate civil law matter. The email requested that the attorney contact his client, the Respondent, and advise her to provide updated contact information and to respond to the Division's requests regarding the ordered education. The Division did not receive a response.

14. On June 17, 2020, the Division filed a Complaint and Notice of Hearing with the Division of Hearings and Appeals (DHA Case Number 20-SPS-XXX) in regard to Respondent's failure to respond and failure to complete the education ordered by the Board in Order No. 0003392.

15. On July 21, 2020, a Prehearing Conference was held in which Respondent participated. She confirmed her mailing address as the address the Division had used.

16. As of the date of this order, Respondent has not completed the education ordered by the Board in Order No. 0003392.

17. 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, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(g), by violating any term, provision, or condition of any order of the Board.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(c), by, after a request of the Board, failing to cooperate in a timely manner with the Board's investigation of a complaint filed against the license holder.

4. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(b) and (d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent is **REPRIMANDED**.

3. Within forty-five (45) days, Respondent must complete education ordered by the Board in Order No. 0003392, which includes three (3) hours of education on the topic of ethics and professionalism in nursing, and three (3) hours of education on the topic of patient's rights.

a. 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.

- b. 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.
- c. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

4. Pursuant to the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), Respondent may not practice in another Compact State, other than Wisconsin, while their license is encumbered by any term or restriction of this Order.

5. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$831.00.

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 DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:

<https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>

7. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (138883-30), or Respondent's right to renew her 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

10/8/2020

Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER UU0703A

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 033

Respondent Sharon M. Slaney, 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.

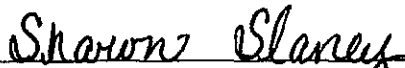
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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.



Sharon M. Slaney, R.N., Respondent
Richland Center, WI 53581
License No. 138883-30

9-22-20

Date



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Department of Safety and Professional Services
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P.O. Box 7190
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9/29/2020

Date