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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
JENNIFER H. TAYLOR, R.N., A.P.N.P.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

ORDER 0007121

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 004

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

Jennifer H. Taylor, R.N., A.P.N.P.,
Beloit, WI 53511

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 Jennifer H. Taylor, R.N., A.P.N.P., (DOB: XX/XX/1981) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 198188-30, first issued on October 29, 2013, and current through February 28, 2022. Respondent is also certified as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having certificate number 5593-33, first issued on November 8, 2013, and current through September 30, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

2. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent worked as a nurse practitioner for a health care clinic located in Beloit, Wisconsin (Clinic).

3. On September 21, 2016, Patient A (a 74-year old female) saw Respondent for an appointment. Patient A had been previously prescribed tramadol and cyclobenzaprine, among other medications.

4. On September 21, 2016, Patient A reported to Respondent that she had experienced three (3) seizures in the past month where she lost consciousness and bladder control and became short of breath.

5. The combination of tramadol and cyclobenzaprine is considered a major drug interaction and is known to increase the risk or occurrence of seizures or seizure-like symptoms in some patients.¹

6. On September 21, 2016, Respondent did not recommend that Patient A discontinue taking either tramadol or cyclobenzaprine, and did not otherwise address the possibility that the interaction of the two medications was causing Patient A's seizures. Instead, Respondent refilled Patient A's prescriptions for tramadol and cyclobenzaprine, and referred Patient A to a neurologist to address the seizures.

7. Respondent's failure to recognize or address the interaction between tramadol and cyclobenzaprine as being a potential cause of Patient A's seizures was discovered during a chart audit by the Clinic on October 19, 2016.

8. After the Clinic brought the audit findings to Respondent's attention, Respondent discontinued Patient A's tramadol and Patient A's seizures stopped.

9. Respondent completed 97 hours of nurse practitioner continuing education between August 2, 2016, and August 17, 2018, some of which included the topic of opioid prescribing.

10. Respondent also subsequently completed 5.5 hours of continuing education on the topic of safe and competent opioid prescribing.

11. 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(6)(c), by departing from or failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable nursing practice that may create unnecessary risk or danger to a patient's life, health, or safety.

¹See https://www.drugs.com/interactions-check.php?drug_list=758-386,2221-17957&types%5B%5D=major&types%5B%5D=minor&types%5B%5D=moderate&types%5B%5D=food&types%5B%5D=therapeutic_duplication&professional=1).

3. 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. The Board recognizes and accepts the continuing education on the topic of safe and competent opioid prescribing completed by Respondent, and referenced in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Findings of Fact, in satisfaction of education the Board would have otherwise required.

4. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$941.00.

5. 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

Respondent may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license and certificate (198188-30 and 5593-33, respectively), or Respondent's right to renew her license and certificate, 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.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:



A Member of the Board

12/10/2020

Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0007121

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 004

Respondent Jennifer H. Taylor, 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, 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.


Jennifer H. Taylor, R.N., A.P.N.P., Respondent
Beloit, WI 53511
License No. 198188-30 and Certificate No. 5593-33

11/19/20
Date


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11/20/2020
Date