

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	ORDER REMOVING
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	STAY OF SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING
	:	ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS
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CHRISTINE A. HAMILTON, R.N.,	:	ORDER0006579
RESPONDENT.	:	

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TO: CHRISTINE A HAMILTON RN  
JANESVILLE WI 53548

On December 12, 2019, the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (“Board”) issued a Final Decision and Order (“Order”) suspending Respondent’s professional nursing license (#154729-30) for an indefinite period. Respondent has been granted a stay of suspension and her license is currently limited with certain terms and conditions.

On June 10, 2021, the Board received information that demonstrates Respondent is in violation of the terms of the Order and, as a result, the following is entered:

ORDER

1. The stay of suspension is removed and Respondent’s professional nursing license (#154729-30) is hereby SUSPENDED until further notice.
2. Respondent’s professional nursing license (#154729-30) is further LIMITED as follows:
  - a. Respondent shall, at her own expense, undergo and complete a fitness for practice evaluation with a pre-approved psychiatrist or psychologist (Evaluator) who has not provided treatment to Respondent and is experienced in evaluating whether a health care professional is fit for practice:
    - i. Prior to evaluation, Respondent shall provide a copy of the Final Decision and Order and all subsequent Orders to the Evaluator.
    - ii. Respondent shall identify and provide the Evaluator with authorizations to communicate with all physicians, mental health professionals, and facilities at which Respondent has been treated or evaluated.

- iii. Within fifteen (15) days of completion of the evaluation, a written report regarding the results of the assessment shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below. The report shall address whether Respondent suffers from any condition(s) that may interfere with her ability to practice safely and competently and, if so, shall provide any recommended limitations for safe and competent practice.
- iv. Respondent shall execute necessary documents authorizing the Department to obtain records of the evaluation, and to discuss Respondent and her case with the Evaluator. Respondent shall execute all releases necessary to permit disclosure of the final evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Certified copies of the final evaluation report shall be admissible in any future proceeding before the Board.
- v. If the Evaluator determines that Respondent is not fit for practice or is fit for practice with limitations, the Board or its designee may suspend Respondent's license until Respondent provides proof sufficient to convince the Board or its designee that Respondent is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety of patients and the public and does not suffer from any condition which prevents Respondent from practicing in that manner.
- vi. If the Evaluator determines that Respondent is fit for practice or is fit for practice with limitations, the Board or its designee may limit Respondent's license in a manner to address any concerns the Board or its designee has as a result of the conduct set out in the Findings of Fact in the Final Decision and Order and to address any recommendations resulting from the evaluation, including, but not limited to:
  - 1. Psychotherapy, at Respondent's expense, by a therapist approved by the Board or its designee, to address specific treatment goals, with quarterly reports to the Board by the therapist.
  - 2. Additional professional education in any identified areas of deficiency.
  - 3. A Board-approved nursing refresher course.
  - 4. Restrictions on the nature of practice, practice setting, or requirements for supervision of practice by a professional approved by the Board, with periodic reports to the Board by the supervisor.

vii. Respondent is responsible for ensuring that the results of the evaluation are sent to the Department Monitor at the address below.

3. Request for approval of courses, any documentation required under this Order, 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  
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://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>

4. This order is effective as of the date of signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Peter Kallio (by JRW)  
A Member of the Board

June 24, 2021  
Date