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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
CARRIE M. BLASER, R.N., A.P.N.P., :
RESPONDENT. :

ORDER 0007261

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 035

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

Carrie M. Blaser, R.N., A.P.N.P.
Mukwonago, WI 53149

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 Carrie M. Blaser, R.N., A.P.N.P., (DOB: XX/XX/1980) is certified in the state of Wisconsin as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having certificate number 2817-33, first issued on April 14, 2006, and which expired on September 30, 2020 and has not been renewed. Respondent retains the right to renew upon payment of a fee until September 30, 2025. Respondent is also licensed as a registered nurse, having license number 145655-30, first granted on October 16, 2003. This license had an expiration date of February 29, 2020 but remains active. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149.

2. Respondent is licensed in the state of Illinois as a registered professional nurse, having license number 041339032, first issued on February 10, 2004, and current through September 30, 2020. Respondent is also licensed in the state of Illinois as an advanced practice registered nurse, having license number 209008148, first issued on April 30, 2010, and current through September 30, 2020. Respondent possesses an “inoperative” license in the state of Illinois as an advanced practice nurse – controlled substances. This license was first issued on April 30, 2010 and expires on September 30, 2020. None of Respondent’s Illinois licenses indicate previous discipline.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a pediatric nurse practitioner at a facility in Rockford, Illinois.

4. On November 19, 2019, a criminal complaint was filed in Waukesha County Circuit Court, case number 2019CF001638, charging Respondent with two counts of identity theft for financial gain and four counts of uttering a forgery.

5. Per the sworn complaint:

- a. Two pharmacies in Mukwonago were aware that Respondent had been passing suspicious prescriptions.
- b. On February 9, 2019 and February 13, 2019, each of the above pharmacies notified police that Respondent had attempted to pass prescriptions for hydrocodone and ibuprofen.
- c. These prescriptions listed Respondent’s husband as the patient.
- d. Communication with the facility listed on the prescriptions confirmed that the named patient was not in their system and the signing prescriber had not worked at the facility since September 2018.
- e. Police confirmed that Respondent worked at the facility.
- f. The facility informed the investigating officer that they had discovered 32 prescriptions passed by Respondent which had been deemed to be fraudulent.
- g. The fraudulent prescriptions were purportedly issued by two providers who denied writing them and did not treat adult patients.
- h. Police verified through the pharmacies that the 32 fraudulent prescriptions were for cyclobenzaprine, hydrocodone, a Medrol Dose Pack, and meloxicam.

6. On May 28, 2020, Respondent was convicted in Waukesha County Circuit Court, case number 2019CF001638, of one (1) count of Misappropriating Identification Information to Obtain Money, a Class H felony, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 943.201(2)(a). An additional count

of Misappropriating Identification to Obtain Money and four (4) counts of Forgery-Uttering were dismissed but read in. Respondent was required to serve 60 days in jail (with 55 days stayed and to be used at her probation agent's discretion), two (2) years of probation (withheld), serve 40 hours of community service, pay all costs and fines, undergo drug treatment and monitoring, have prescriptions monitored, no contact with the victims, and provide a D.N.A. sample.

7. On October 31, 2020, the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation approved a consent order awarding discipline to Respondent. The terms of this order include in part:

a. Respondent's APRN – Controlled Substance license indefinitely suspended for a minimum of 12 months.

b. Respondent's RN and APRN licenses placed on indefinite reporting probation for a minimum of three years. For the duration of the probation:

- i. Respondent to submit personal statements on a quarterly basis.
- ii. Respondent to enter into a Recovery Agreement with the Illinois Professionals Health Program.
- iii. No use of alcohol.
- iv. No use of mood or mind-altering substances.
- v. Respondent to submit to random drug screens no less than monthly.
- vi. Respondent to participate in an aftercare program and submit quarterly reports detailing status.

c. For a minimum of 24 months, Respondent shall not:

- i. Work registry, travelling nurse, float pool, temporary employment agency, or in a home/community-based setting where direct supervision is not available.
- ii. Work in a facility where mood or mind-altering drugs are kept unless there is always a minimum of one other registered nurse present.
- iii. Have access to or dispense narcotics or synthetic narcotics.

d. For a minimum of 12 months, Respondent shall not hold a supervisory position.

8. As of the date of this order, Respondent remains in compliance with the Illinois order.

9. 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. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 961.16(2)(a)7., hydrocodone is a schedule II-controlled substance for which, under the circumstances at issue, a prescription is required pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 961.38(2).

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(b) by having a license to practice nursing denied, revoked, suspended, limited, or otherwise disciplined in another state.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(2) by violating any law substantially related to the practice of nursing.

5. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(5)(a) by falsifying health documents.

6. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(8)(e) by obtaining, possessing, or attempting to obtain or possess a drug without lawful authority.

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

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.

3. The advanced practice nurse prescriber certificate (and any appurtenant right to renew) issued to Respondent (license number 2817-33) and the right to renew the registered nurse license issued to Respondent (license number 145655-30) to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin, are LIMITED as follows:

a. For a period not less than the duration of the Illinois order:

i. Respondent shall comply with all requirements of the Illinois order (No. 2019-01383) and provide each drug test result to the Department Monitor.

- ii. Respondent must report any finding of non-compliance with the Illinois order to the Department Monitor within 48 hours of such finding.
- iii. Any finding of non-compliance with the Illinois order shall be deemed non-compliance with this Order and subject to summary discipline.
- iv. Respondent shall inform the Department Monitor when the limitations of the Illinois order have been lifted.
- v. If Respondent begins working as a nurse in Wisconsin prior to the completion of her Illinois order, the Board shall impose a 2-year impairment plan without further hearing.

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. Upon the lifting of the restrictions in the Illinois order, Respondent 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. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$550.00.

7. 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://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>

8. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license and/or certificate (numbers 145655-30 and 2817-33, respectively), or Respondent's right to renew her license and/or certificate, 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 Respondent 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. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by: 

A Member of the Board

11 March 2021

Date

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STIPULATION

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Respondent Carrie M. Blaser, 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Heather Fields.

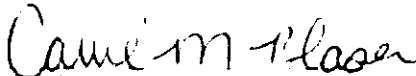
4 Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives 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.

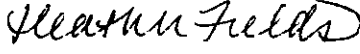
6 The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, 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.


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