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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

INTERIM ORDER

MELANIE R. RANDOLPH, R.N., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0007371

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 NUR 081

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

Melanie R. Randolph, R.N. Milwaukee, WI 53210

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 agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as an Interim Order in this matter, subject to the approval of the 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, Conclusion of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Melanie R. Randolph, R.N., (DOB xx-xx-1977) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a registered nurse with multistate privileges pursuant to the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, having license number 190231-30, first issued on July 12, 2012, with registration current through February 28, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit float pool at several associated hospitals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Hospitals).

- 3. On February 19, 2021, the Department's Division of Legal Services and Compliance received a complaint from the Hospitals stating that Respondent admitted to diverting Fentanyl from patients' IV drip bags at the Hospitals for her personal use.
- 4. The Hospitals' controlled substance audit showed suspicious usage by Respondent during January 2021.
- 5. The Hospitals requested that Respondent submit to a urine drug screen, but Respondent did not comply. The Hospitals terminated Respondent's employment.
 - 6. The Board has not made a determination as to the validity of the above allegations.
- 7. Respondent has voluntarily agreed not to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, or in any other state pursuant to her Compact privileges, pending the investigation and final resolution of this disciplinary matter.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07, and has authority to enter into this stipulation for an Interim Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

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- 2. Respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 190231-30) is SUSPENDED during the pendency of this disciplinary matter.
- 3. The suspension shall continue until the Board issues a Final Decision and Order in this disciplinary matter.
 - 4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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Respondent Melanie R. Randolph, 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations in this matter, but agrees to the adoption of the attached Interim Order by the Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Interim 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.
- 4. 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 be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that this 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.
- 5. 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 a case advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, if any, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with the Board's deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such case advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.
- 6. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Interim Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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7. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending that the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.