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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

TARREN C. PRANGE, R.N., A.P.N.P.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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: **ORDER 0007639**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 577

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

Tarren C. Prange, R.N., A.P.N.P.
Kenosha, WI 53143

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 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. Tarren C. Prange, R.N., A.P.N.P., (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1981) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 239168-30, first issued on January 8, 2018 and current through February 28, 2022. Respondent is also certified in the state of Wisconsin as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having license number 8327-33, first issued on March 30, 2018 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 Kenosha, Wisconsin 53143.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as an advanced practice nurse prescriber at a hospital, in Kenosha, Wisconsin (Hospital).

3. On May 8, 2019, Respondent was informed by human resources personnel at the Hospital that other staff members had reported that she kept a red beverage container in a bag in her office and was observed bending over to take the red beverage container out of the bag and drink from it.

4. The staff members who claimed they observed Respondent drink from the red beverage container reported that Respondent covered her mouth after drinking from it and that her breath smelled like alcohol.

5. Human resources personnel at the Hospital asked Respondent if she ever consumed alcoholic beverages at the Hospital or brought alcoholic beverages to the Hospital. Respondent stated that she had not done those things and offered to show them the bag. Once Respondent retrieved the bag, human resources personnel noted that the red beverage container was not in Respondent's bag.

6. The red beverage container was later located on the floor near Respondent's desk and was presented to Respondent. Hospital management believed the red beverage container smelled like it contained wine and was one-third full. Respondent acknowledged that the red beverage container was hers and that it contained wine. She denied drinking from the red beverage container while at work that day.

7. At the conclusion of the workday, Hospital management conducted a meeting with Respondent after which the Hospital concluded that Respondent had committed the infraction alleged while Respondent ultimately maintained her innocence.

8. The Hospital terminated Respondent's employment on May 16, 2019.

9. Respondent continues to deny the allegations, however, in order to avoid the costs and uncertainty of litigation, Respondent agrees to the entrance of the Order.

10. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board 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 departed from or failed 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 within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(c).

3. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g) (b) and (d), and Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, the certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse prescriber (license number 239168-30 and certificate number 8327-33), and her privilege to practice pursuant to the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), are LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall, at her own expense, undergo an AODA assessment with an evaluator pre-approved by the Board or its designee who has experience conducting these assessments.
 - b. Prior to the assessment, Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the evaluator. Respondent shall provide the Department Monitor with written acknowledgment from the evaluator that a copy of this Order has been received by the evaluator. Such acknowledgment shall be provided to the Department Monitor prior to the assessment.
 - c. Respondent shall provide and keep on file with the evaluator current releases complying with state and federal laws. The releases shall allow the Board, its designee, and any employee of the Department to obtain a copy of the assessment. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor.
 - d. 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.
 - e. The Board, or its designee, may impose additional limitations upon Respondent's license based on the results of the assessment and/or the evaluator's recommendations.
 - f. Respondent shall comply with the evaluator's recommendations.
3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$573.00.
4. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services

P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>

5. Should Respondent have a Wisconsin multistate license pursuant to the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), Respondent may not practice in any Compact state, other than Wisconsin, while Respondent's license is encumbered by any term(s) of this Order.

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license and certificate (8327-30 and 239168-33, respectively), 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.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
A Member of the Board of Nursing

10/14/2021
Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0007039

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 577

Tarren C. Prange, R.N., A.P.N.P., (Respondent) 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 John Leppanen.

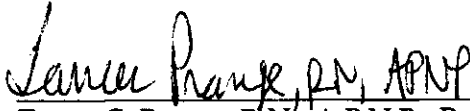
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives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

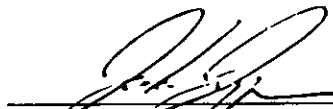
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Tarren C. Prange, R.N., A.P.N.P., Respondent
Kenosha, WI 53143
License No. 239168-30/ Certificate No. 8327-33


9/11/21

Date



John Leppanen, Attorney for Respondent
Hawks Quindel SC
222 E. Erie St, Ste 210
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Date



Alicia Kennedy, Prosecuting Attorney
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
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September 15, 2021

Date