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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LORI A. LEISER, R.C.P., :
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER 0008044**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 MED 462

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

Lori A. Leiser, R.C.P.
West Allis, WI 53219

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
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 Medical Examining Board (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 Lori A. Leiser, R.C.P., (Year of Birth 1964) is certified in the state of Wisconsin as a respiratory care practitioner, having certificate number 2048-28, first issued on February 9, 1996, and current through June 30, 2022. Respondent's certificate is currently suspended (see below). Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in West Allis, Wisconsin 53219.

2. On December 19, 2018, the Board issued Order No. 0006002 suspending Respondent's certificate and requiring five years of alcohol and drug abuse treatment and monitoring after Respondent showed signs of impairment at work and registered a breathalyzer score of 0.20 (Order).

3. On May 29, 2019, the Board stayed the suspension.
4. On August 6, 2020, the Board reinstated the suspension after the Board received information that Respondent violated the Order.
5. On March 22, 2021, the Board stayed the suspension for a second time.
6. On September 21, 2021, the Board reinstated the suspension again after Respondent tested positive for alcohol.
7. On September 21, 2021, the Department emailed Respondent to notify her of the Board's action and informed her it was effective immediately. Respondent received the email notification and responded.
8. On November 9, 2021, Respondent's employer, a care center in West Allis, Wisconsin (Center), informed the Department that Respondent failed to inform the Center that her certificate was suspended and continued to practice as a respiratory care practitioner until November 9, 2021. The Center terminated Respondent's employment that day.
9. Respondent admitted that she practiced without a valid certificate but said it slipped her mind because she was under a lot of stress.
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. § 448.02(3) and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(1)(a) by violating ch. 448, Stats. Under Wis. Stat. § 448.03(1m), no person may practice respiratory care, or attempt to do so or make a representation as authorized to do so, without a certificate as a respiratory care practitioner granted by the Board.
3. As a result of the above violation, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Respondent of her certificate to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in the state of Wisconsin (number 2048-28), as well as her right to renew such certificate, is accepted.
3. In the event Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement of her certificate as a respiratory care practitioner, the Board may enter an order denying such application without

further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a certificate and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any certificate granted shall be in the sole discretion of the Board and such decision is not reviewable.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential in the state of Wisconsin under Wis. Stat. chs. 440 through 480, Respondent shall pay the costs of this matter in the amount of \$292.00, before any petition or application for a credential will be considered by the applicable board or Department.

5. 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
DPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: Shelby A. Wasserman, MD
A Member of the Board

7/20/2022
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
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RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008044

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 MED 462

Respondent Lori A. Leiser, R.C.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 Medical Examining Board (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. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

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


Lori A. Leiser, R.C.P., Respondent
West Allis, WI 53219
Certificate No. 2048-28

6/20/2022
Date


Julie Zimmer, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
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6/20/2022
Date