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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
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 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
 : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
BONNIE L. LITRENTA, L.P.N., R.N., :
 LICENSEE. :
ORDER 0008190

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 NUR 129

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

Bonnie L. Litrenta, L.P.N., R.N.
Cudahy, WI 53110

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. Bonnie L. Litrenta, L.P.N., R.N. (Licensee), (Year of Birth 1985) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse with multistate privileges pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), having license number 234859-30, first issued on May 9, 2017, and current through February 29, 2024. Licensee is also licensed as a licensed practical nurse with multistate privileges pursuant to the Compact, having license number 319407-31, first issued on June 3, 2015, and expired on April 30, 2019. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Licensee retains the right to renew her licensed practical nurse license upon payment of a fee until April 29, 2024.

2. The most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) for Licensee is in Cudahy, Wisconsin 53110.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee worked as a registered nurse at the Milwaukee County Jail located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Prior Board Action

4. On March 11, 2021, the Board issued an Administrative Warning to Licensee in Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) case number 20 NUR 368 for failure to cooperate in a timely manner with that investigation, a minor violation of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(c).

Current Case

5. On March 15, 2021, the Board received a report from that National Practitioner's Databank (NPDB) regarding a settlement payment on behalf of Licensee. The NPDB report stated that Licensee failed to monitor a patient's medication, which resulted in missed methadone and a still birth at the Milwaukee County Jail. The screening panel opened the case to investigate the allegations of the complaint. A later review of pertinent medical records showed that Licensee only had contact with the patient on the date of her admission; therefore, she was not involved in the patient's continuing care.

6. On March 15, 2021, staff from DLSC emailed Licensee at the email address on file with the Department requesting a response to the settlement report. Licensee did not respond.

7. On March 21, 2021, staff from DLSC emailed Licensee at the email address on file with the Department requesting a response to the settlement report. Licensee did not respond.

8. On April 9, 2021, staff from DLSC mailed a letter to Licensee at her address on file with the Department requesting a response to the settlement report. Licensee did not respond.

9. On May 18, 2021, staff from DLSC mailed a certified letter to Licensee at her address on file with the Department requesting a response to the settlement report. The certified mail was unclaimed and returned to sender.

10. On May 18, 2021, staff from DLSC also emailed Licensee at the email address on file with the Department requesting a response to the settlement report. Licensee did not respond.

11. On June 2, 2021, staff from DLSC called Licensee at the telephone number on file with the Department. Staff left a voicemail requesting a return call. Licensee did not respond.

12. On February 21, 2022, Licensee renewed license number 234859-30. The contact information provided by Licensee on that date is the same contact information the DLSC staff used for its previous attempts to contact Licensee.

13. On June 24, 2022, the Department filed a Notice of Hearing and a Formal Complaint with the Division of Hearings and Appeals based on Licensee's lack of response and the case proceeded towards an Administrative Hearing.

14. On August 15, 2022, Licensee emailed DLSC and stated that:

"I do acknowledge that I did receive the complaint filed against me and did not respond to it. I did not respond to the complaint because I felt that it was made in error. I say this because the original complaint was filed against a licensure that is no longer valid and that I do not currently hold (Licensed Practical Nurse; credential number 319407). I assumed that I would not need to address the issue because of that reason. I now understand that was not the case. I did not purposely or maliciously ignore the complaint for any other reason that I thought it was an error. I am fully aware of the situation and willing to cooperate with this matter to my fullest ability."

15. On August 22, 2022, Licensee provided a detailed response to the allegations of the complaint referenced in paragraph 5.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at their own expense take and successfully complete two hours of education on the topic of disciplinary actions as follows:
 - a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
 - b. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board and may not be used in any future attempt to upgrade a credential.
 - c. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

3. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee 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) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Licensee may also submit this information online at: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Robert Weirman, TW-LLHP
A Member of the Board

10/13/2022
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008190

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 NUR 129

Bonnie L. Litrenta, L.P.N., R.N. (Licensee) 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. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, 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 Licensee;
- the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Licensee'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 Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

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

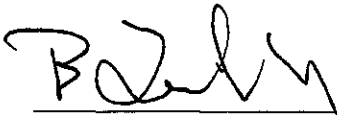
of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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 Licensee, 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 for Remedial Education.

7. Licensee is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. Licensee is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education 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 Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education.



Bonnie L. Litrenta, L.P.N, R.N., Licensee
Cudahy, WI 53110
License Nos. 319407-31 and 234859-30

8-30-22

Date



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8/30/2022

Date