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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
PATRICIA L. HUSTON, R.N., A.P.N.P., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. :
ORDER 0008198

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 NUR 711

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

Patricia L. Huston, R.N., A.P.N.P.
Manitowoc, WI 54220

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. Respondent Patricia L. Huston, R.N., A.P.N.P. (Year of Birth 1953) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse with multistate privileges pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), having license number 109022-30, first issued on March 18, 1992 with an expiration date of February 28, 2022.¹ Respondent is also certified as an advance practice nurse prescriber, having certificate number 3392-33, first issued on April 3, 2008 and current through September 30, 2022.

¹ Per Wis. Stat. § 440.08(5), Respondent's registered nurse license remains active until the 60th day after the end of the COVID-related public health emergency which was declared on March 12, 2020.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220.

3. Respondent was also licensed to practice as a registered professional nurse (license number 041169888) and as an advanced practice registered nurse (license number 209003417) in the state of Illinois.

4. On November 15, 2021, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (Illinois Department) issued an Order that refused to renew Respondent's registered professional nurse license and her advanced practice registered nursing license due to Respondent's failure to report a nursing liability claim settlement of \$550,000 in a medical malpractice claim to the Illinois Department and for her failure to answer the Illinois Department's request for a written statement explaining the facts of and circumstances which lead to the settlement.

5. Respondent has been retired from the practice of nursing since December 31, 2021.

6. Respondent has agreed to voluntarily surrender her Wisconsin registered nursing license and her advanced practice nursing prescriber certificate in lieu of disciplinary proceedings.

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

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Respondent of both her license to practice as a registered nurse and of her certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse prescriber in the state of Wisconsin (license number 109022-30 and certificate number 3392-33), her right to renew the same, and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin under another state license pursuant to the Compact, are accepted.

3. In the event Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license to practice as a registered nurse or of her certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse prescriber in the state of Wisconsin, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license 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 license to practice as a registered nurse or petitions the Board for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse prescriber 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 \$185.00, 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
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Robert Weirman TW-LCHP
A Member of the Board

10/13/2022
Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008190

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 NUR 711

Patricia L. Huston, 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.

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

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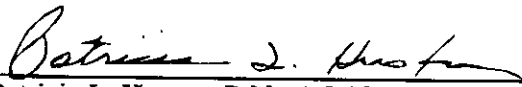
of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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.


Patricia L. Huston, R.N., A.P.N.P., Respondent
Manitowoc, WI 54220
License Nos. 109022-30 and 3392-33

08-18-22
Date


Lesley McKinney, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

9/7/2022
Date