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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
COLLEEN M. THURMAN, A.P.N.P., :
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER0008243**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 NUR 172

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

Colleen M. Thurman, A.P.N.P.
Rhome, TX 76078

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, Conclusion of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Colleen M. Thurman, A.P.N.P., (DOB xx/xx/1979) is certified in the state of Wisconsin as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having certificate number 8739-33, first issued on October 1, 2018, and expired as of October 1, 2020. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent maintains a five-year right to apply for renewal of her license until September 30, 2025. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Rhome, Texas 76078. Upon information and belief, Respondent's current address is in Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

2. Respondent was previously licensed in Texas as a registered nurse (multistate) and advanced practice registered nurse with prescription authorization. On February 6, 2020, the

Texas Board of Nursing issued an order accepting the voluntary surrender of Respondent's Texas RN and APRN licenses (TX Order).

3. The TX Order did not establish a finding of wrongdoing, but incorporates a then-pending complaint alleging Respondent engaged in inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances in May and June 2018.

4. The TX Order allowed Respondent to petition for reinstatement of her Texas RN and APRN licenses no sooner than one year from the date of the order.

5. Respondent was also previously licensed in Oregon as a Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber.

6. On June 10, 2020, the Oregon State Board of Nursing issued two orders accepting the voluntary surrender of Respondent's Oregon RN and APNP licenses (OR Orders), based on the TX Order.

7. The OR Orders do not contain findings of wrongdoing and allow Respondent to petition for reinstatement of her Oregon RN and APNP licenses no sooner than three years from the date of the orders.

8. On August 10, 2021, the TX Board reinstated Respondent's Texas RN and APRN licenses with the following conditions (TX Reinstatement Order):

- a. Respondent must submit a reinstatement application;
- b. Respondent must obtain a six month temporary APRN permit for the purpose of obtaining 400 hours of practice under direct supervision; and,
- c. Respondent's license must be a single state.

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

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing 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. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in improper prescribing, dispensing, or administering medication or drug related offenses, including

prescribing of any drug other than in the course of legitimate practice or as otherwise prohibited by law within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(8)(a).

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent had a license to practice nursing or a nurse licensure compact privilege to practice denied, revoked, suspended, limited, or having the credential holder otherwise disciplined in another state, territory, or country within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(b).

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

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent's right to renew her certificate (number 8739-33) is SUSPENDED.

3. Respondent may petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate upon submitting verification from the Texas Board of Nursing that Respondent has satisfied the requirements of the TX Reinstatement Order and her Texas licenses have been fully reinstated.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$826.00.

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://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Robert Weiman TW-LHP
A Member of the Board of Nursing

11/10/2022
Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008243

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 NUR 172

Respondent Colleen M. Thurman, A.P.N.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 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, 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.

Colleen M. Thurman, A.P.N.P., Respondent
Rhome, TX 76078
License No. 8739-33

Date

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

Date

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Colleen M. Furman, APNP, Respondent
Rhome, TX 76078
License No. 8739-33

10-20-2022
Date


Elizabeth A. ...
Department of State, Legal and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance

10/31/22
Date