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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 :
TINA M. MONTEZON, L.P.N., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. : ORDER NO. 0007249
 :

Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Case No. 21 NUR 003

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

Tina M. Montezon, L.P.N.
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937

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. Tina M. Montezon, L.P.N. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1962) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a licensed practical nurse, having license number 24922-31, with multistate privileges pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), first issued on June 3, 1982, and current through April 30, 2021.¹ Respondent's license was indefinitely suspended on March 11, 2021, pending the outcome of this case. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is, North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937.

¹ Respondent retains a five-year right to renew her credential via Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3).

2. On January 5, 2021, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 21-CR-005, Respondent was indicted and charged with one (1) count of Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), and 846; one (1) count of Maintaining a Drug-Involved Premises in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2; eleven (11) counts of Distribution of Controlled Substances in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. § 2; and one (1) count of False Statement or Representation Made to a Department or Agency of the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. This matter remains ongoing and unresolved as of the date signatures were obtained on the corresponding stipulation.

3. On March 11, 2021, the Board issued an Interim Order (Order No. 00007249) suspending Respondent's license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin until the Board issues a Final Decision and Order in DLSC Case No. 21 NUR 003.

4. Respondent's consent to the entry of this order does not constitute an admission of any charges or allegations referenced above.

CONCLUSION 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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER by Respondent of her license to practice nursing in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 24922-31), her right to renew such license, and any privilege to practice nursing in Wisconsin under another state license pursuant to the Compact, is accepted.

3. In the event Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing 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 \$913.00, before any petition or application for a credential will be considered by the applicable board or Department.

4. Respondent shall not petition the Board for reinstatement prior to the resolution of United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 21-CR-005, as referenced in paragraph two in the Findings of Fact. In the event Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing 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. Should a petition for reinstatement occur, the Board may consider the outcome of United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 21-CR-005, as referenced in paragraph two in the Findings of Fact.

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://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:



A Member of the Board

8/10/2023

Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
TINA M. MONTEZON, L.P.N.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER NO. 0007249

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 NUR 003

Tina M. Montezon, L.P.N. (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 Marlene Garvis.

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

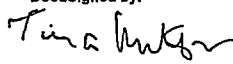
accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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. 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.

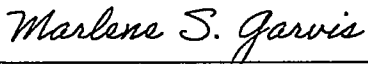
9. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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Tina M. Montezon, L.P.N., Respondent
North Ford du Lac, WI 54937
License No. 24922-31


Date



Marlene Garvis, Attorney for Respondent
4597 Woodridge Rd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

07.07.2023

Date



Gretchen Mrozinski, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
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7/17/2023

Date