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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

MARY B. BORSECNIK, R.N., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0008456

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 21 NUR 292, 21 NUR 446, and 22 NUR 083

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

Mary B. Borsecnik, R.N. Neenah, WI 54956

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 agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of these matters, subject to the approval of the Board of Nursing (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in these matters adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Mary B. Borsecnik, R.N., (Year of Birth 1964) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse with multistate privileges pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), having license number 96023-30, first issued on March 20, 1987, and current through February 29, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

#### 21 NUR 292

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at a nursing home located in Appleton, Wisconsin (Facility 1).

- 3. Patient A, a female born in 1963, was a resident at Facility 1. Nursing staff were aware Patient A made frequent, unsubstantiated complaints about her care. Patient A's care plan included requirements that all cares be completed by two staff members and that staff speak calmly and professionally to avoid making Patient A upset and causing situations to escalate.
- 4. On April 20, 2021, Respondent was assigned to care for Patient A. Respondent went to Patient A's room alone to administer medication. When Respondent arrived, Patient A was on the phone with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to complain that her medication was late. Respondent, aware that Patient A was calling in a complaint, told Patient A to stop lying, called Patient A a liar, and said she would leave if Patient A continued to lie. Patient A was upset and crying. The DHS intake specialist on the phone with Patient A overheard the conversation between Respondent and Patient A.
- 5. Patient A subsequently made an abuse complaint against Respondent, which Facility 1 substantiated. Facility 1 terminated Respondent's employment.

### 21 NUR 446

- 6. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at Facility 1.
- 7. Patient B, a male born in 1945, was a resident at Facility 1 with orders for wound treatment to be completed daily.
- 8. On April 14 and 15, 2021, Respondent marked Patient B's wound treatment as completed on Patient B's Treatment Administration Record. However, neither Respondent, nor any other staff member, completed the wound treatment.
- 9. During a DHS investigation into these allegations, Respondent admitted that she documented Patient B's wound treatment as completed but was unable to complete it due to staffing shortages and other patient care requirements.

## 22 NUR 083

- 10. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at a nursing home located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin (Facility 2).
- 11. Patient C, a female born in 1932, was a resident at Facility 2. On January 21, 2022, she was readmitted to Facility 2 after a hospital visit.
- 12. Upon readmission, Respondent documented that she completed a head-to-toe assessment of Patient C and noted no issues or concerns with her skin. However, Patient C had a wound on her buttocks that was not present prior to her hospital visit.
- 13. During Facility 2's investigation into this incident, Respondent admitted, despite documenting she completed a full assessment upon Patient C's readmission, she did not assess

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After investigation, the Board determined this claim cannot be substantiated.

Patient C's buttocks. She stated she saw dressing on the buttocks, but did not investigate further to determine why it was there.

14. In resolution of these matters, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in these matters 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 abused a patient by a single or repeated act of force, violence, harassment, deprivation, neglect, or mental pressure which reasonably could cause physical pain, injury, mental anguish, or fear within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(4)(c).
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent intentionally made incorrect entries in a patient's medical record or other related documents within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(5)(b).
- 4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent failed to treat within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(j).
- 5. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent failed to execute a medical order within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(0).
- 6. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(b) and (d), and Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03.

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license number 96023-30), and privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Compact, are LIMITED as follows:
  - a. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at her own expense, successfully complete four (4) hours of education on the topic of documentation and four (4) hours of education on the topic of therapeutic communication with patients offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
  - b. Respondent 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 or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.

- c. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.
- d. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all the ordered education.
- 4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of these matters in the amount of \$2,186.00.
- 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. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.51(5)(b), Respondent's multistate licensure privilege to practice in all Compact states besides Wisconsin is deactivated during the pendency of this Order.
- 7. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (number 96023-30), or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.
  - 8. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:

A Member of the Board of Nursing

Date

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

MARY B. BORSECNIK, R.N., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0008456

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 21 NUR 292, 21 NUR 446, and 22 NUR 083

Respondent Mary B. Borsecnik, R.N., 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 three pending investigations by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of these investigations 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.

Mary B. Borsecnik, Respondent

Neenah, WI 54956 License No. 96023-30

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3/8/2023

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