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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

KARLI V. VELASQUEZ, R.N., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0 0 0 8 5 3 5

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 NUR 093

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

Karli V. Velasquez, R.N. Madison, WI 53715

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. Karli V. Velasquez (a.k.a. Karli Davis), R.N. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1976) is licensed in the state of Tennessee as a registered nurse, having license number 260393 with multi-state practice privileges pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), first issued on January 19, 2022, and current through March 31, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Madison, Wisconsin 53715.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a registered nurse through an agency at a hospital located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Hospital).

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- 3. In January 2023, the Hospital conducted a regular audit of controlled substance transactions. The following concerns were identified regarding Respondent:
  - a. Disproportionate number of doses of fentanyl oxycodone, and hydromorphone in her unit compared to her peers;
  - b. Wasting controlled substances far more often than her peers;
  - c. Putting her 4-5 standard deviations away from the unit average for waste transactions;
  - d. Numerous instances of large gaps in the time between dispense and administration and dispense to waste; and
  - e. Multiple occasions of missing portions of her controlled substance documentation.
- 4. The Hospital's diversion analytics identified Respondent as a 3-month trend outlier for her hydromorphone dispensing, and an undetected significant outlier trend for fentanyl dispensing and wasting.
- 5. On January 25, 2023, Respondent was interviewed by the Hospital's Diversion Response Team (DRT). When asked to explain her standard day, including how she was assigned patients, delivered medications, and gave her reports, Respondent skipped several key steps when describing how she delivered medications, how she wasted medications and how she conducted pain assessments for PRN medications.
- 6. Respondent declined to write a statement, but consented to a urine drug screen, which was negative.
- 7. The Hospital's DRT did not conclude that Respondent diverted medication; however, the Hospital ended Respondent's contract due to poor practices including controlled substance dispensing, frequent whole-dose controlled substance wasting, and admission of leaving drawn-up controlled substance injections in locked drawers.
- 8. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

# **CONCLUSIONS 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).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent departed from or failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable 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's dispensed a drug other than in the course of legitimate practice or as otherwise prohibited by law within meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(8)(b).
- 4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent erred in prescribing, dispensing, or administering medication within meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(8)(d).
- 5. 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 privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Compact is LIMITED as follows:
  - a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at their own expense, successfully complete 3 hours of education on the topic of dispensing and administering controlled medication 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 ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$640.00.
- 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. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's right to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to her multistate Tennessee license (Tennessee license number 260393), or pursuant to any multistate 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.
  - 7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Zelow 1 5/11/2023

A Member of the Board of Nursing Date

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

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ORDER 0008535

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 NUR 093

Karli V. Velasquez, R.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.
- 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.

Karli V. Velasquez, R.N., Respondent	Date	***
Madison, WI 53715 TN License No. 260393		
Matthew Valley, Prosecuting Attorney	Date	
Department of Safety and Professional Services	•	•
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April 18, 2023

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