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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STEPHANIE L. MAYER, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0008629

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 NUR 019

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

Stephanie L. Mayer, R.N.
West Bend, WI 53090

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 Stephanie L. Mayer, R.N., (Year of Birth 1985) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 246228-30, first issued on February 4, 2019, 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 West Bend, Wisconsin 53090.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at a hospital located in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin (Hospital).

3. On September 27, 2021, Respondent was assigned to care for Patient A, who was diagnosed with Covid-19 and receiving heated high flow oxygen. At around 3:38 a.m., Patient A's telemetry came off-line, and the telemetry technician attempted to call Respondent, but Respondent failed to respond.

4. Respondent was observed by a co-worker (Nurse B) asleep in front of her computer and Nurse B reported this to the charge nurse. The charge nurse instructed Nurse B to tell Respondent to reapply telemetry for Patient A. Nurse B woke Respondent and instructed her to attend to Patient A as the patient's telemetry remained disconnected. Respondent denies she was asleep as alleged.

5. When Respondent got to Patient A's room, the patient was found on the floor and hypoxic due to lack of heated high flow oxygen. Other staff came to the room to assist and a rapid response team was called. Respondent was directed to locate a sling and Hoyer lift to move Patient A off the floor.

6. A house supervisor reported that Respondent told her she was having an anxiety attack and was going home. Respondent asserts that she understood she was told to leave if she could not handle the situation. Respondent punched out at 4:25 a.m., leaving Patient A, as well as her other assigned patients, without reporting to another nurse.

7. During a telephone call with the nurse director and manager later that morning, Respondent stated that she panicked when she found Patient A on the floor and admitted to leaving the Hospital.

8. On September 28, 2021, the Hospital terminated Respondent's employment.

9. 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 nursing practice that may create unnecessary risk or danger to a patient's life, health, or safety, within meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(c).

3. 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.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$633.00.

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://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (number 246228-30), 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.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: 

A Member of the Board of Nursing

7/13/2023

Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008629

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Respondent Stephanie L. Mayer, 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 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 Maria Schneider.

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

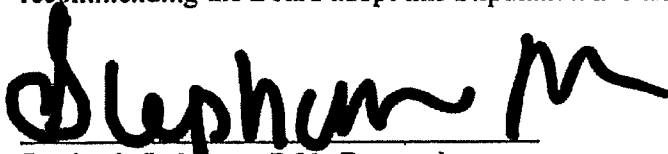
accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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.



Stephanie L. Meyer, R.N., Respondent
West Bend, WI 53090
License No. 246228-30

5-31-23

Date



Maria Schneider, Attorney for Respondent
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735 N. Water St. Ste 1400
Milwaukee, WI 53202

6-6-23

Date



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Department of Safety and Professional Services
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P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

6/6/2023

Date