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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
TERRA E. GREEN, R.N., A.P.N.P., :
RESPONDENT. :

ORDER 0008755

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 NUR 518

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

Terra E. Green, R.N., A.P.N.P.
Roscoe, IL 61073

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. Terra E. Green, R.N., A.P.N.P. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1975) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 147601-30, first issued on June 29, 2004, and current through February 29, 2024. Respondent is also certified in the state of Wisconsin as an advanced practice nurse prescriber (APNP), having certificate number 5411-33, first used on August 27, 2013, and current through September 30, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Roscoe, Illinois 61073.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as an APNP practicing internal and emergency medicine at a clinic located in Beloit, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. The Controlled Substances Board (CSB) conducted an audit of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) prescribing data in Q2 of 2021. The audit found that Respondent may be prescribing potentially dangerous combinations of benzodiazepines and opioids. In particular, the audit found that Respondent was issued 95 alerts via the PDMP for concurrent prescriptions of opioids and benzodiazepines. As such, the CSB referred Respondent to the Board of Nursing for investigation, which resulted in opening the case at hand.

4. The prescription data from Respondent's PDMP Prescriber Report from January 1 through December 31, 2021, was reviewed. From this report, ten patients were chosen and their medical records for the same time frame were reviewed.

5. Review of this information revealed that Respondent issued 21 prescriptions for controlled substances for a duration longer than 3 days and did not check the PDMP prior to issuing the prescription to patients KW (ten times), BF (1 time), PA (3 times), CA (2 times), and KG (5 times).

6. On multiple occasions between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, Respondent prescribed a combination of opioids and benzodiazepines to Patients KW, RP, KS, and KG. Patient records do not contain documentation that risks and benefits were discussed with the patients concerning concurrent use of opioids and benzodiazepines.

7. Respondent prescribed a combination of a benzodiazepine, opioids, a sleeping pill, and a muscle relaxant, to patient RP, a 70 year old male, without documenting in the patient record that risks and benefits were discussed with the patient concerning the combination of these medications. The aforementioned combination of medications presents serious dangers to a 70 year old patient.

8. Respondent attests that although not documented, she communicated the risks involved in the concurrent use of opioids and benzodiazepines to her patients who received these prescriptions.

9. The Board of Nursing Best Practices for Prescribing Controlled Substances Guidelines dated January 12, 2017, provides:

A patient should not be prescribed opioid and benzodiazepines concurrently, whether the prescribing is done by one practitioner or multiple practitioners. If a patient is taking opioids and benzodiazepines concurrently, clear clinical rationale must exist.

10. 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. Wisconsin Admin. Code § CSB 4.105(1) requires a prescriber to review the PDMP history report about a patient before issuing a prescription order for controlled substances to the patient. This section contains several exceptions which do not apply to the case at hand.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated a law substantially related to the practice of nursing by violating Wisconsin Admin. Code § CSB 4.105(1), within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(2).

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent failed to perform nursing with reasonable skill and safety, within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(a).

5. 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).

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 (license number 147601-30), her certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse prescriber (certificate number 5411-33), and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse License Compact (Compact) are LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at her own expense, successfully complete eight (8) hours of education on the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Board or its designee. Respondent must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
- 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 or its designee may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The Board or its designee 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 \$1,536.00.

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 credentials (license number 147601-30 and certificate number 5411-33), or Respondent's right to renew her credentials, 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

9/14/2023

Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008755

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 NUR 518

Terra E. Green, R.N., A.P.N.P. (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 William Ranard.

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.

Terra E. Green, R.N., A.P.N.P.

Terra E. Green, R.N., A.P.N.P., Respondent
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