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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MEREDITH G. KETZNER,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0008940

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 NUR 022

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

Meredith G. Ketzner
Locust Grove, GA 30248

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

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 25, 2023, the Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) filed a Notice of Hearing and Amended Complaint with the Department of Administration, Division of Hearings and Appeals (DHA) which alleged that Respondent committed conduct subjecting her to discipline as defined by Wis. Admin. Code §§ 7.03(1)(b), and 7.03(2). On November 21, 2023, Respondent filed an Answer which denied that Respondent committed conduct subjecting her to discipline. A prehearing conference was tentatively scheduled by the Administrative Law Judge for December 13, 2023.

The parties in this matter agree to enter into stipulated resolution in lieu of participating in an evidentiary hearing. The parties 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. Meredith G. Ketzner (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1968) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 114032-30, with multistate privileges pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact), first issued on September 24, 1993, and current through February 29, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is, Locust Grove, Georgia 30248.

2. On February 14, 2020, the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Board of Nursing Disciplinary Subcommittee (MI BON) issued a Final Order placing Respondent's license on probation for a minimum of one year, requiring Respondent to participate in the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP), and ordering Respondent to complete 15 hours of education on various topics. This order was the result of Respondent allegedly displaying odd behavior at work at a medical facility (Facility), admitting to Facility staff that she consumed prescription medication prescribed to Respondent the night before her nursing shift, refusing to take a drug test, and failing to respond to the MI BON concerning the complaint filed by the Facility.

3. In April 2023, Michigan's HPRP found that Respondent did not meet the criteria for monitoring due to "lack of qualifying diagnoses." As such, Respondent was not required to comply with the HPRP requirement in the 2020 MI BON Order.

4. On September 21, 2023, The MI BON reinstated Respondent's license to practice nursing with the requirement that she will be placed on a one year probation and should otherwise comply with the Michigan Public Health Code.

5. Respondent denies being impaired or intoxicated while working for the Facility.

6. Respondent has been a resident of the State of Georgia since sometime in 2020.

7. 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 had a license to practice nursing or a nurse licensure compact privilege to practice denied, revoked, suspended, limited, or having the credential holder otherwise disciplined in another state, territory, or country, within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(1)(b).

3. Wisconsin Stat. § 441.51(4)(c)1 provides that if a nurse changes their primary state of residence by moving between two party states, the nurse must apply for licensure in the new home state, and the multistate license issued by the prior home state will be deactivated.

4. 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 multistate license is deactivated and will not be renewed. Respondent retains a Wisconsin single-state registered nurse license (license number 114032-30).

4. Within six (6) months from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1700.00.

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 license (number 114032-30), 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

1/11/2024
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008940

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 NUR 022

Meredith G. Ketzner (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

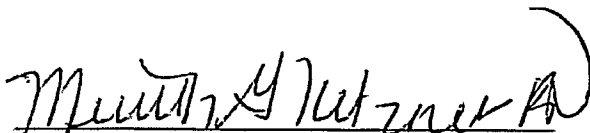
of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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.



Meredith G. Ketzner, Respondent
Locust Grove, GA 30248
License No. 114032-30

12/7/23

Date



Gretchen Mrozinski, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

12/11/2023

Date