

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**
Katherine Persinger, LPN) **REPRIMAND OF LICENSE**
) **WITH CONDITIONS**
License No. 095005090LPN) **Reference No. 16-01105**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Licensed Practical Nurses. Katherine Persinger (Licensee) was issued a Licensed Practical Nurse License by the Board on August 10, 1995.

On or about January 12, 2016, the Board received information that Licensee was terminated from her employment after she allegedly failed to take action, failed to appropriately document and practicing outside of her scope as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The Board opened an investigation into the matter.

Board staff was able to substantiate that Licensee, on at least one occasion, failed to administer a medication in a timely manner, documented that she had performed a dressing change when she had not and failed to document an order for IV fluids in a timely manner.

By the above actions, Licensee is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.111 (1) (f); and OAR 851-045-0070 (1) (c) and (3) (g) and (h):

678.111 Causes for denial, revocation or suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee. In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for a contested case:

(1) Issuance of the license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by indorsement, of any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition as the board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the board, for any of the following causes:

(f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.

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Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing Defined

Nurses, regardless of role, whose behavior fails to conform to the legal standard and accepted standards of the nursing profession, or who may adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, may be found guilty of conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Conduct related to the client's safety and integrity:

(c) Failing to develop, implement and/or follow through with the plan of care.

(3) Conduct related to communication:

(g) Failing to maintain client records in a timely manner which accurately reflects management of client care, including failure to make a late entry within a reasonable time period.

(h) Failing to communicate information regarding the client's status to members of the health care team

(physician, nurse practitioner, nursing supervisor, nurse co-worker) in an ongoing and timely manner. Licensee wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter. Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Licensee:

That the Licensed Practical Nurse license of Katherine Persinger be reprimanded. That Katherine Persinger shall complete a course of study on the subject of Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

Licensee understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Order are considered by the Board to be of a grave nature and, if continued, constitutes a serious danger to public health and safety.

Licensee understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of law or the Nurse Practice Act, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her license, up to and including revocation of her license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Licensee understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540, and to any judicial review or appeal thereof. Licensee acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

Licensee understands that this Order is a document of public record.

Licensee has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Reprimand.

Katherine Persinger, LPN

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Bonnie Kostelecky, MS, MPA, RN
Board President

Date